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The Editor's Page

Doorbell Lights

Doorbells, like telephones, have given the deaf trouble ever since electric bells replaced the old-style knockers. An electric bell is of no use to the deaf, but the deaf have managed to devise many wonderful gadgets which cause doorbells to flash lights. Practically every deaf home in the nation is equipped with some kind of wiring system which will turn on lights in all rooms in the house when the doorbell rings. In those homes in which no such equipment is found, there are children or other relatives who can hear and answer the doorbell. In still other homes, the deaf occupants have trained dogs or cats to go into some kind of tizzy and warn them when the doorbell rings.

A few years ago THE SILENT WORKER had contact with an electrical wizard who made relays which could be attached to doorbells and turn on lights when the bells rang. They also turned off the lights when the ringing ceased. These gadgets were very effective, and very durable. We sold a great number of them to subscribers all over the nation, and most of them are still giving good service. They were known as "Visabells."

Rising cost of materials finally caught up with Visabell and sales ceased to make a profit for the maker and he went out of business. Since then we have received numerous requests for Visabell, which we have been unable to fulfill.

There now appears a new appliance, which bids fair to become a worthy successor to Visabell, and as popular among the deaf. This is a doorbell "Call Signal," manufactured by the same firm which makes the "Baby Cry Relay" which great numbers of deaf parents use to warn them when their babies cry in the night. The new doorbell attachment is advertised on page 17 of this number. It is recommended to our deaf readers who desire more effective service from their doorbells.

North Carolina Leads the Way

In the N.A.D. reports in this issue it will be seen that the deaf of North Carolina showed their support of the resurgent N.A.D. in spectacular fashion. At their recent convention in Morganton they raised over \$3,000 for the N.A.D. in cash and pledges, and the North Carolina Association of the Deaf assured the N.A.D. of its complete cooperation in all measures for the good of the deaf. Contributions made by the North Carolinians were far in excess of those received from any other state con-

vention, and it certainly cannot be said that they are not doing their part in support of their national organization.

The North Carolina Association took one step which all state associations would do well to emulate. It decided voluntarily to increase its affiliation dues to \$25.00 per year, instead of the customary \$10.00 dues. North Carolina became the first state to increase its dues of its own accord, and it is hoped that other state associations will follow.

Affiliation dues for state and local organizations affiliating with the N.A.D. have been ten dollars per year for many years. All will agree that this is far too small a sum for a state association to contribute to its national organization. The dues should have been increased at the last N.A.D. convention, but, since no action was taken on the matter, the N.A.D. Board is preparing to ask affiliated organizations to increase the dues of their own accord. However, they need not wait to be asked.

The N.A.D. by-laws state that affiliation dues shall be ten dollars or more per year. To date, North Carolina is the only affiliate which has decided to pay more. Let us see who will follow North Carolina's example and pay more.

Subscriptions Coming

The response to a recent editorial remarking on the financial plight of THE SILENT WORKER has been most gratifying. The past month has brought in more new subscriptions than any single month within the past year, which indicates that our people are enough interested in the magazine that they will support it when necessary.

While the increased number of subscriptions received during the past month has been encouraging, it still is not sufficient to wipe away the possibility of a deficit. If the great number of readers who borrow THE SILENT WORKER from their friends or read it at their clubs will subscribe for a copy of their own, it will not be necessary for THE SILENT WORKER to depend upon the N.A.D. for financial help.

"When the Roll . . ."

Troy E. Hill, editor of *The American Deaf News*, which he has recently sold to *The Cavalier*, another national newspaper for the deaf, fashioned his swan song around a timely blast at some of our more intelligent and more capable people who neglect to use their talents in service to their fellow deaf.

"Too many of the intelligent deaf," says Hill, "do nothing whatsoever to help their own kind. They do not belong to the N.A.D. They don't belong

to the N.F.S.D. They do not belong to their local church, they do not belong to their local clubs. What will they say to the Saviour 'When the roll is called up yonder'?"

Officials of organizations of the deaf, local, state, and national, who frantically call for help and support, can appreciate Bro. Hill's sentiments. Our guess is that the shirkers won't need to say anything "When the roll is called up yonder" for they won't be around.

Thanks and so long to Troy Hill, a capable editor.

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Veteran Postal Worker . . .

FRANCIS MARION HOLLIDAY

Over 40 Years in an Occupation

Unusual Among the Deaf

By Bernard Teitelbaum

BY FAR THE MOST widely publicized deaf man in the Pittsburgh area is Francis Marion Holliday, veteran of over 41 years' service with the United States Post Office in Pittsburgh. Since 1946 Mr. Holliday has had an annual write-up in one or another of local newspapers, all very glowing, commending his work as chief directory clerk whose job has been to see that mis-directed mail reaches its intended destination with speed and dispatch. At one time, Frank's story was syndicated to papers all over the country.

B. TEITELBAUM

Frank is a thoroughly Pittsburgh man, having been born December 9, 1886, in the house he and his wife are currently occupying out on lofty Mt. Washington, overlooking the downtown section—the main section—of Pittsburgh. The house was originally built for a small family but as the family grew, so did the house. Today it is much too large for Frank and his wife. The rear four rooms are occupied by a daughter, Betty, her husband and their child.

During Frank's earliest years there, the neighborhood was a sparsely settled, heavily wooded area. Frank grew up with the district. Today it is a well populated and respectable community, boasting of a huge new and modern grade school and a modest business

section. The area is serviced from downtown Pittsburgh by street car, bus and incline.

Frank lost his hearing from cerebrospinal meningitis at the age of five. In spite of his deafness, he was sent to the neighborhood public school when he was six years old and remained there two years. In retrospect, Frank feels he might as well have stayed at home, for all the education he got there. The classes were much too large for any one pupil, however deserving his case, to get any individual attention from the teacher so he sat neglected through two long and bored years.

Frank's parents doted on their youngest—and, so they thought, most unfortunate—child and were reluctant to send him away from home. However after two years, they faced the fact that he was not making satisfactory progress in the public school and decided that he must go to a school for his own kind.

Fearing that Frank might lose his speech if kept at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf where they had first sent him but from which he ran away because he had not understood his playmates, the parents sent him to the Mt. Airy School in Philadelphia, which school they had heard was an oral school.

Frank's father had been a professional politician practically all his adult life. Until 1898 he had served as Pittsburgh City Councilman for 25 years, the last ten as president of Council. From then until 1906 he was Postmaster of Pittsburgh, during which time



Francis M. Holliday at his desk in the post-office directory service. Permission to reproduce granted by the Pittsburgh Press.

he established the connections that probably enabled Frank later to enter the postal service. He also served as local representative of the American Book Company of New York City which at that time had a virtual monopoly on book sales in Western Penna. In his capacity as A.B.C. representative, Mr. Holliday, Sr., made frequent trips to New York.

Thus he found it convenient to take Frank to school in Philadelphia and to bring him home for vacation periods.

Holliday Sr.'s own training must have been stern and highly individualistic for he would have nothing for free. Throughout Frank's school and college years, his father insisted on paying the regular tuition fees.

Frank adjusted himself better to life in Mt. Airy as he was more familiar with the method of communication there. The teachers and pupils all spoke to him orally.

His earliest years at Mt. Airy, he however feels, were wasted. In fact, he states that because of inefficient educational methods in Pittsburgh and in Philadelphia, the most formative years of his life, from the ages of 6 to 10, were a total loss.

Physically frail as a result of the severe illness that caused his deafness, Frank was a "pushover" for all the other boys at school. However, institution life toughened him as nothing else could have done and he grew up husky beyond the fondest dreams of his parents.

Early in his school life Frank was introduced to chewing tobacco, a habit



The only picture Holliday has of his entire family, taken some years ago. L to r: Betty, Frank, George, Mrs. Holliday, Frank, Jr.



The Holliday home on Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh.

which incurably remains with him to this day. In order to make and keep friends, he accepted this "training" from boys four and five years his senior and became an inveterate chewer, unknown to his school authorities.

During his years at Mt. Airy, Frank took part in football and baseball. He well remembers that the football team of 1903 was composed of boys older than usual and very husky ones, too. So powerful was the team local high schools declined to play it. They had to schedule games with professionals, the equivalents of which we now have in the Steelers, Cardinals, Giants and other professionals.

During one such game, Frank broke his collarbone. This affected his baseball playing. Normally a pitcher, he was forced to transfer to the outfield.

During his school years, Frank had been prepared for matriculation in a hearing college. A month before graduation, his father abruptly decided that Gallaudet College was the logical place for Frank's further education. Holliday, Sr., had previously met Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet. Dr. Gallaudet was a very persuasive and convincing speaker and influenced him in his decision.

Thereafter followed a month's intensive preparation for the college entrance examination. Frank spent the little time left studying furiously, cramming the last three nights in the "Library" (toilet to you). He was among the top three in that exam.

Love of sports carried over to College and in his first football game at Gallaudet in the fall of 1904, Frank sustained a knee injury so bad he was laid up in bed for two months with the leg in a cast. His father sent one of his other sons, a physician, to Washington to find out why for so long he hadn't shown any signs of improvement. Dr.

Holliday remained in Washington for a week's observation and brought Frank home to treat him himself. In two weeks his recovery was such that he was enabled to return to college. As a result of this accident, Frank was forced by his father to give up football.

After abandoning football, Frank took up wrestling. Were it not for a shortness of breath which always plagued him (he attributes it to tobacco) he would have accomplished more, he feels. Because of the lack of wind, he had to win quickly or eventually go down to defeat.

The normal course of study at Gallaudet College covers five years. Circumstances beyond his control compelled Holliday to do it in six years.

While witnessing a Fourth of July community display of fireworks following his junior year, Frank collapsed and was seriously ill with typhoid fever. Recovered, he was famished to the point of starvation and gorged himself, resulting in a serious relapse.

When finally he recovered and was back on his feet, he returned to Gallaudet after the Christmas recess but was able to carry only a reduced course of study during the ensuing second semester, this with the permission of Dr. Gallaudet. He was sufficiently recovered to carry the full load the third semester but because of incomplete work the previous two semesters, he had to return for a second year as senior in order to meet the requirements for his Bachelor of Arts degree which he took in June, 1910.

Frank's mother, coming from a family of ministers, hoped her youngest son would enter the ministry and thus perpetuate a family tradition. Circumstances conspired to frustrate this hope.

Frank had failed to absorb much religious education during his school days.

Placed in a back row in chapel where lip reading of a speaker on a distant platform was difficult, even for a good lip reader, he developed habits of inattention and indifference during religious services which continued during his college years.

A very fortunate circumstance in Frank's life occurred during the summer of 1908, during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt had attended the Commencement Exercises at Gallaudet College in 1906 and had been favorably impressed by the graduation speech of Edward Rowe.

In the summer of 1908, at the invitation of President Rev. Olof Hanson, President Roosevelt addressed the N.A.D. then in convention. Impressed anew by the alertness, efficiency and energy of the officers and of the assemblage, President Roosevelt approved measures enabling the deaf to serve in the Federal Government.

That same year Frank recalls that Otis Yoder, a Freshman whom Frank had hazed unmercifully the year before, sought revenge for the indignities imposed upon him. Otis challenged Frank to a round trip hike to Baltimore, serenely confident he would humiliate Frank.

The two left Washington at 11:30 A.M. on a crisp autumn Saturday and arrived in Baltimore at Midnight, Yoder trailing all the way. A milkman had given them a lead into Baltimore.

After obtaining a few hours sleep in a hotel in Baltimore, they started the return trip early Sunday. By the end of the day, on account of a continuous downpour and muddy roads, they were able to make only half the way and stopped overnight at Laurel, Maryland. Next day conditions outside were even worse but as it was urgent that they make Washington that day they resumed the trip, Yoder trailing all the while.

Approaching Gallaudet, they perceived down the street a smallish man under a huge umbrella. It turned out to be Professor John Hotchkiss, who, when he heard their story, vowed it was the first time a student had made the round trip to Baltimore on foot (a total distance of 90 miles.)

Returning to Pittsburgh, Frank served for a while as teletype operator for the old Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph (long since merged with the Pittsburgh Sun to form the present Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph).

However, the consideration of security in the service of Uncle Sam was a strong factor in prompting him to take the Civil Service Examination for service in the post office. Passing with high grades, he was placed in the dispatching section in February, 1911.

Frank was later promoted to the

Registry Division and from there went to the City Distribution Division, finally being elevated to the Inquiry Section where he has spent the last 30 years. In his later years he was virtually THE Inquiry Section, being Pittsburgh's No. 1 unscrambler of illegible handwriting and completer of incomplete addresses. Letters stumping his six assistants come to his desk. Only one out of four letters passing through Frank's hands stumps him, landing in the dead letter office.

Where addresses have been incomplete, Frank has drawn upon his phenomenal photographic memory for addresses and with lightning speed, filled in omissions made by senders. This memory Frank attributes to his deafness, which has permitted greater concentration and which has insulated him against distracting noises, the plague of hearing people.

The importance of Frank's work may be gauged from the fact that a goodly portion of letters reaching his desk contain cash or other remittances which would be lost to the intended recipients. Remittances in letters reaching the dead letter office are turned over to the U.S. Treasury. Frank acts as a backstop for many of these, unknown to their ultimate recipients.

Frank is very adept at deciphering trick addresses.

Frank's greatest struggle is with foreign letters. "The addresses look like chicken tracks most of the time," he confided. Usually he lays these aside, glancing at them from time to time till he can decode the street for which they are meant.

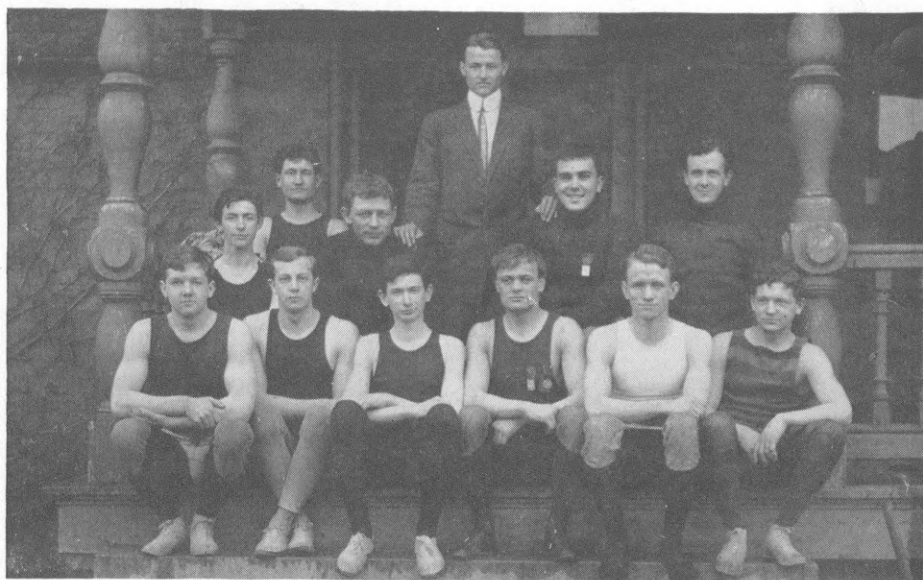
Former Postmaster Stephen Bodkin once wrote to Frank: "I did not know there was such a position as foreman of directory service or I would have requested it for you a long time ago." "He can work twice as fast as the average man," Charles F. Musial, head of the Inquiry Department once said. Such is the esteem for Frank's ability held by his superiors.

The depression of 1932 furnished Frank with the impetus for greater concentration that resulted in pre-eminence in his work.

Frank had put most of his financial eggs in one basket. The economic collapse of 1932 wiped out most of his assets. He salvaged only 15 to 20 per cent of his savings. The shock of the blow was softened by the fact that his losses occurred gradually as the depression settled deeper and deeper.

Frank became resigned to his losses. He realized his responsibility to his family and the then paramount importance of his job in his life. He set out to insure the permanence of that job. The results tell the rest of the story.

Frank feels he is happier now than he



The Gallaudet wrestling team of 1909-10. Francis Holliday is at far right, back row.

was while "rolling in the dough," to quote him.

In July, 1912, he married Maud Roath, a classmate at College who was then a teacher in the Nebraska School for the Deaf. A daughter, Betty, was born to them. Maud contracted influenza during the great epidemic of 1918 and lingered only a short time, passing away on Armistice Day.

A year later, on November 28, 1919, Frank married another college classmate, Sara Streby, of Iowa.

Two boys, each over 6 feet and 200 pounds, are the result of this union. Both Frank, Jr., and George, are now married and have families of their own.

Frank is no longer the husky man he was during his football days and faithful Sara watches over his welfare with an eagle eye.

Retrenchment by the Post Office Department has eliminated General Directory Service on first-class mail except on mail from GI's and on parcels of value. The work is much restricted now and most mail undeliverable is returned to the sender or given to the dead letter office. Once in a while a piece of mail addressed to an acquaintance reaches Frank. Drawing upon his prodigious memory for addresses, he will direct the letter unerringly to the home of the acquaintance, initialing it in a sprit of camaraderie—as he did a recent letter to the writer—"This yours?—FMH" (It was.—BT)

The Holliday home on Mt. Washington has been the mecca of many of deafdom's notables. The late Reverends Franklin Smielau and Henry J. Pulver stopped over there on their regular monthly ministrations to the local congregation. Mrs. Olof Hanson and Dr. and Mrs. Harley Drake visited them there, as did the late Jay Cooke Howard, to mention a few.

Frank's photo album contains many very interesting pictures of the early 1900's. Pictures of individual football players and of grouped teams show the now extinct nose guard.

One picture of arresting interest was taken at camp. The text under it proclaims: "Lesson in Vocal Culture While Camping Out at Silver Lake, N.H." and shows a row of young boys in assorted clothing lined up in front of a tent and, with mouths wide open, taking a speech lesson from a female teacher who has her back to the camera.

Always active in organization affairs, Frank is currently a member of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, the Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf, of which he is a charter member, and of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf. He takes special pride in his services for the P.S. A.D. He has served as president of the state organization and it was during his tenure that the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf was begun at Torresdale, Pa. The drive to block legislation forbidding deaf people to operate motor vehicles in Pennsylvania was initiated and successfully carried out during Frank's term as president.

Occasionally Frank is in for some good natured ribbing at the Post Office. His name, frequently mistaken to be feminine, results in mail plainly intended for him being addressed "Miss" or "Mrs."

Frank now looks forward to the time when he retires from active service in the post office. Pressed for his plans after retirement, he admits toying with the idea of "backyard farming" on Mt. Washington, and "watching the world go by" from the comfort of his favorite Morris chair in the front room, which chair was a gift to him from his postal friends.

Air Brush Portrait Artist

**Victor Hariton Restores Faded Pictures
to Life-like Loveliness**

By Louis Miller Cohen

VICTOR MAX HARITON is a deaf air brush portrait artist—the only deaf artist in New York doing this kind of work. His studio, a store front with an apartment in the rear, is on Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn. Displays in the windows show “before” and “after” exhibits—samples of restored pictures he has finished on paper, cloth, plastic, or china.

Hariton does the job with an air brush finishing pictures either in black and white or in color, according to his customers' tastes. He works both for private photograph studios and for individuals who pass his store each day and stop to leave their orders. He frequently receives orders from outside the city.

People often bring in pictures of their loved ones who have passed away or who have been long since parted. These pictures are treasured, long forgotten, brown with age, or soiled, torn and cracked, damaged and dim. Hariton transfers them on to new paper, from which he makes new pictures to cover the torn or cracked parts, restoring the damage and refreshing the pictures with his air brush. He never changes the expression of faces.

Before opening his air brush portrait studio, Hariton was an oil painting portrait artist. He had painted portraits on canvas of many prominent men, among them Wall Street brokers and heads of big business concerns. Since interest in oil portraits seemed to be waning, he gave up this business, but he still repairs oil paintings. These old

paintings, damaged through careless handling, or darkened by exposure, or withered by age and neglect, he can restore to life again by painting over the peeled parts, putting new paint on the faded spots, and repairing damage and tears, but he never changes expressions.

Victor Hariton was born in Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, on April 18, 1889. He lost his hearing through a fall at the age of three. At six, he went to the Keengliches Deaf School in Berlin, and from 14 to 18 he attended the Frankfurt Secondary School and Art Academy to learn all branches of art. He won a few prizes with his drawings.

At 18, Hariton painted an oil portrait of Baron von Rothschild. His father advised him to send this portrait to Mrs. Rothschild-Goodsmith in Paris, the daughter of Baron von Rothschild. He did, and in appreciation she sent him a letter of thanks with a check for 2,000 marks. With the help of this check his family came to the United States of America. Their first residence was in Washington, D.C., and Victor's first job was photo-engraving and litho-



Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hariton

graphing in the art department of the U.S. Department of the Interior. In the evening he attended the Corcoran Art Gallery classes.

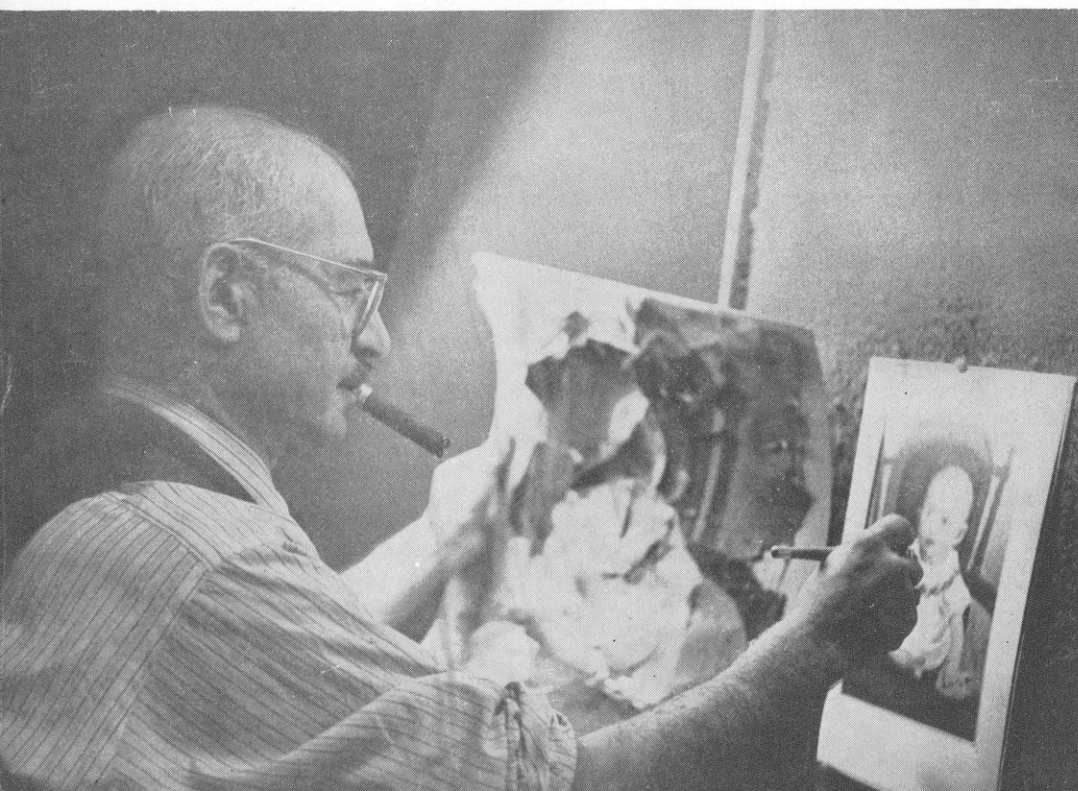
In 1913, Victor met Miss Helen Davidson, of Providence, R.I. Later he married her and settled down in the same district, moving to New York City in 1918. In New York he found work for one year as an illustrator for “The World,” then a great independent newspaper, now owned by Scripps-Howard and known as *The New York World and Telegram*. He left this job for a new one as foreman for the art department at Bachrach's, one of the leading photographers in the United States.

While in Washington Hariton was a member of the Washington Division No. 46, N.F.S.D., and when he moved to New York he transferred to the Greater New York Division No. 23 (now Brooklyn Division No. 23), and he became a member of the Union League of the Deaf, in which he has been active for more than 25 years. Visitors to League headquarters will find on the wall a large framed picture of Samuel Frankenheim, one of the founders of the organization, a life-like portrait presented by Victor Hariton.

The Haritons have three grown sons. Two are veterans of World War II. They are both in their own businesses, and in their businesses they seem to reflect some of the talent and skill of their father. Both are engaged in efforts closely related to the arts, one as a wholesale jewelry merchant and the other in picture framing.

Hariton at work restoring ancient picture.

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Schools for the Deaf

R. K. Holcomb

The Texas School

By Ralph White

UPON APPROACHING AUSTIN two silvery towers may be seen rising to the sky. A casual passer-by might judge them as belonging to an old ivy-cloistered college. In reality they adorn the main building at the Texas School for the Deaf. Whoever penned the words, "The eyes of Texas are upon you, all the live-long day, you cannot get away," might have been writing about the towers, for historically speaking, the words happen to be true of the school. It has played a major part in shaping the lives of many deaf citizens in Texas. The towers symbolize a proud heritage, a colorful pageant. Of historical drama, and a long procession of enlightened students confidently marching down the corridors out into the streaming throng called life.

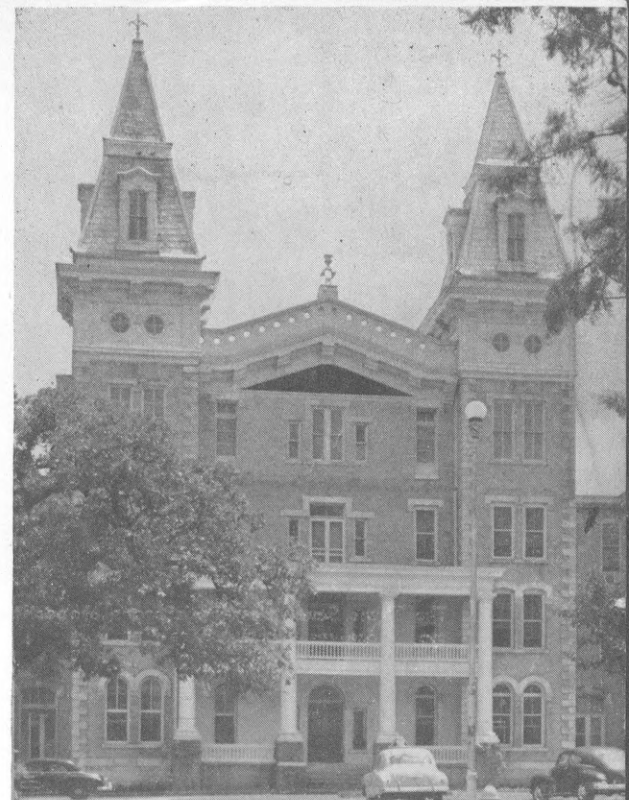
That the largest state in the Union should have a large school for the deaf may be expected. A Texan, in his typical breezy way of bragging, may go a step further by saying it is the largest in the nation. Statistically speaking, it ranks in the top five among the nation's state residential schools with respect to size. It hugs on to a bouquet of superlatives, a few of which might be well considered. Its enrollment last year was the largest of any residential school for the deaf. It is not a fact easily shrugged off in the face of stiff competition from the day schools within the state. Then consider its staff, which is one of the largest on any school pay-roll. The huge faculty, in addition to a generous number of departmental heads, keep the school

a hub-bub of activity.

Apart from being tremendous in bulk, the Texas School is unique among the nation's schools in that it came into being with one large stroke. It materialized in the form of a legislative enactment in 1856. It appears that the state was rather doubtful of its outcome and set about founding it in the nature of an "experiment." Time has long since wrapped a cloak of permanency around it.

An abandoned farm was selected as the site of the school. It was situated on a hill overlooking the city of Austin. The Colorado River, winding its slow, narrow path, separated the school from the city proper. The capital holdings of the farm were a farm residence of two rooms and a hall, three log cabins, and a smokehouse. Such formed the nucleus of the new school, which opened for the first time in January, 1857. Making up the staff of the school were one deaf teacher and a matron. From the entire state only three children answered the first roll call. The first superintendent of the school was Professor Jacob Van Nostrand of the New York School for the Deaf. He proved to be an administrator of high calibre.

At first, conditions did not favor the growth of the school. Texas still smacked of the frontier. Traveling was nearly impossible owing to the huge size of the state, impassable roads, and bands of Indians roaming at large and still unconquered by the white man. The chief trouble, however, was that a vast majority of the population was



Main School, oldest building on the Texas campus.

not greatly concerned with the possibilities of education. The wide open spaces awaited them to carve out empires with their plows.

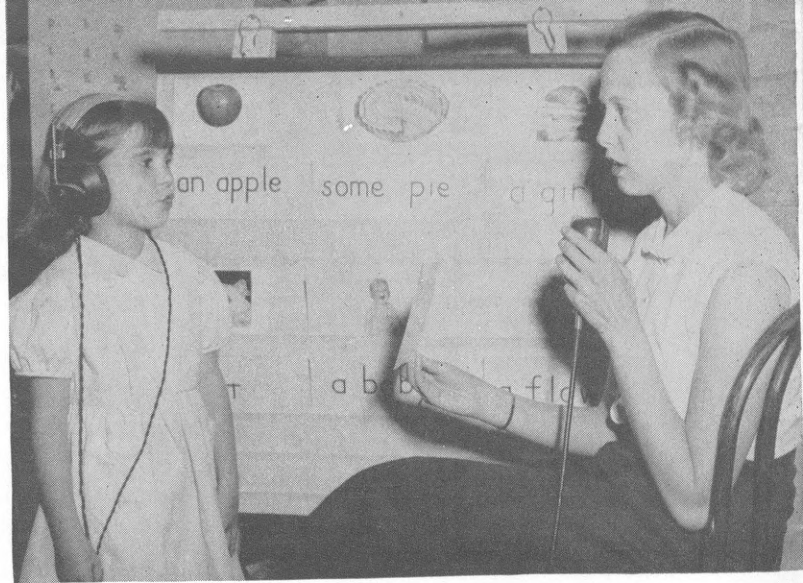
The Civil War came and almost ripped the foundation of the school apart. All the energies and resources of the state went toward the Confederate cause. Perhaps no place in the annals of the school can a greater chapter be found. The story of how it faced one adversity after another and overcame them all makes fascinating reading. The farmland was its salvation. The teachers and students alike pitched in and strove to get what use they could out of the land. Sheep raised on the grounds clothed them and the products of the farm fed them.

The Reconstruction Period was another crisis to which the school, hardened by past experiences, adapted itself easily. The end of the war found the people in a maddening fight to recover their lost possessions. Once in awhile the state could appropriate a few dollars, but this was usually in depreciated Confederate currency of little purchasing value.

Van Nostrand stood steadfastly at his post until his school emerged intact from the long, lean years. After nineteen years of service, he retired. His retirement marked the departure of the

Supt. R. M. Stelle of the Texas School, at desk, meets with staff heads. Left to right: Betty Beitel, psychologist; June Hicks, dietitian; Vinnie Weaver, child guidance counselor; Elizabeth Gullette, primary supervising teacher; O. L. McIntire, educational director; Hilton Lytle, vocational supervising teacher; Delas Reeves, business manager. (Absent from photo: Albert A. Douglas, director of curriculum, and Elizabeth Wilson, child guidance director.)





The Texas School has a generous proportion of deaf teachers, shown in the photo at left, above. Right, a pupil in the primary department receives auricular training.

only trained man to run the school for nearly a century. A galaxy of names has since graced the superintendent's desk. The first few names read like an impressive Confederate roll call. The first of these was Henry E. McCulloch, who was more at home in skirmishes with Indians and Mexicans along the border than among deaf children. He was wise enough to leave academic problems alone and in experienced hands. As a result, the office of principal came to be the real power on the campus. The chief decisions and educational policies usually emanated from his office. This peculiar situation lasted for a great number of years.

Perhaps the most forceful personality to emerge at the school was that of Dr. J. W. Blattner. He occupied the principal's chair for twenty-five years. He left his mark so vividly that his influence can still be felt today. His greatest monument was the academic department. It boasted of a great and efficient staff, whose training he undertook and made over to his own exacting standards. Numerous men whom he trained later became superintendents. He kept close tab on the educational progress of every child in school. His course of study had the breadth and latitude of a modern curriculum. What-

ever the weather, each Sunday Blattner was seen carrying a massive Bible under his arm.

Today the physical plant has undergone quite a transformation. It is a far cry from the day when it was just a little pastoral scene. Now it is run like a great corporation—a sprawling enterprise. The plant spreads out in a dizzy array of twenty-three buildings, not to mention a sprinkling of minor structures in between. Age and wear have given them a mellowness which sets off the newer structures as shiny pieces of modern art. The oldest of the existing buildings is the Main Building, which was built in 1876. It was expanded unit by unit until it attained its present size. The main part of the building is the heart of the school, housing all of the central offices. On each side of the building stretches a three-story wing serving a catalogue of purposes from dormitories to store-rooms. The newest addition to the school is the large girls' dormitory. This was constructed in 1949 at the cost of \$263,000.

Altogether it might seem that the school does not differ much from other schools in its purposes and organizational system. It actually doesn't. Its size might indicate that it has plenty

of room to spare, which, incidentally, isn't the case. Every dormitory is filled to the rafters. The school long ago outgrew its facilities. Its size has been a nagging problem but a blessing in disguise as well. It has justified a vigorous educational policy which smaller schools envy.

An example of size as an advantage can be readily noted in the academic system. It has placed the school in the position of offering instruction through every medium known. The department is divided into three subdivisions: oral, manual, and acoustic. The first two methods are time-honored traditions, while the acoustic method is relatively a new-comer to the school. Long-range plans call for three school buildings, each using one of these three methods. Another example is the employing of a psychologist, two rhythm teachers, a visual-aids director, a librarian, a child guidance director, and a child guidance counselor, all on a full-time basis.

Responsible for most recent improvements is Roy M. Stelle, the present superintendent. He deviates from the customary run of superintendents before him in that he is the first trained man in nearly a century to take over the reins. His training and background for the position have been extensive in scope and very nearly encompass all of the schools of thought regarding the education of the deaf. His first formal preparation for this work was undertaken at the Clarke School, widely known as a stronghold of the oral method. His training was further rounded out by a year of graduate study at Gallaudet College, which is considered to be a champion of the combined system. For a number of years he taught in different schools at various grade levels. During World War II he was a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The end of the war found him serving as



The Texas School football team huddles for signals.



At left, above, is one of the girls' bedrooms at the Texas School. The girls' dormitory is a new building, recently completed. Right, girls' pep squad.

Assistant Superintendent of the Illinois School, which is a pioneer in acoustic work with the deaf.

Stelle's appointment to the Texas School was one of the answers to the demands of the alumni and public that the school be operated as an educational concern. Some years previously the school had the misfortune of passing into the hands of politicians. The consequences were not pleasant. The situation aroused an indignant press and public, which climaxed with the Texas Association of the Deaf stepping into the picture and waging a long battle to return prestige to the school. Finally, a new board, the Board of Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools, was created, and the school was placed under it. However, the eleemosynary stigma persisted. The alumni continued its fight until the school came under the State Board of Education.

By some queer twist of fate, in 1949 the Legislature passed a penny tax on cigarettes, earmarking the money for the Special Schools and Hospitals. The Texas School stood to reap its share, amounting to \$1,400,000, but with the change of the school to the Texas Education Agency, the money evaporated into thin air.

It is interesting to note that the three different boards in less than three years in turn appointed and re-appointed Stelle. He first started out under the Board of Control in August 1948. In September of the following year he came under the authority of the Board of State Hospitals and Special Schools. At present, he is answerable only to the Texas Education Agency.

The physical education department in the past has produced teams whose number of banners captured would make a glowing set of annals in itself. The onslaughts of the football teams were greatly feared by other teams. It was not infrequent to include college teams on a season's agenda. There stands in the Main School a large

Athletic staff at the Texas School plans a tour of conquest.

cabinet filled with gleaming trophies testifying to the great glories of the past. The picture has been altered somewhat by regulations and age specifications of state athletic councils. The trend is toward athletics on an overall participation basis. It has been made possible by strengthening the staff, which is composed of three men and three women. Each member of the staff is outstanding in some phase of physical education. With such a pool of talents assembled in one place, the program for the year is less likely to slacken. In addition to the regular sports features, bowling, tumbling, modern and folk dancing, and corrective exercises occupy an important place on the athletic program. Perhaps the department is best known for its pep squad. This is a compact organization of about 50 girls, all of whom must meet high standards of scholarship and character in order to be eligible for membership. Three majorettes in festive dress prance and perform in front of the marching squad.

The vocational department offers the trades found in most other residential schools. This department is headed by a graduate of a great industrial college. Each child is given a chance to sample the different trades until he finds the one most suited to his inter-

ests and abilities. At present the set-up calls for an expansion program.

For a school of this size, the search for qualified personnel is a headache. The law of supply and demand has not always been favorable. However, the problem has been eased somewhat by the set-up of training facilities at the near-by University of Texas. Under such a system the school can now find prospective teachers, so to speak, on its own doorstep. Such high scholastic requirements have caused a large number of present teachers to seek higher degrees. The ratio of teachers holding master's degrees or higher to holders of bachelor's degrees is about equal at present, and the outlook is toward a higher ratio.

The school educational system is so planned that both the brilliant and the slow may move up the academic scale at their own rate of learning ability. For the rapid learners there is a college preparatory class at the end of the scale to give the necessary preparation for college.

In order to assure continuity in a child's educational life there is a director of curriculum, who supervises teacher workshops and directs curriculum building.

This year the school joined a pioneer movement by introducing a child guid-



ance director on its staff. What the director of curriculum is to the academic department the child guidance director is to the home life of the boys and girls. She is in charge of seeing that life and leadership in the dormitories are wholesome and conducive to proper social development. She also directs an in-service training program in the basic dynamics of child growth and development. Assisting her is a child guidance counselor available to the children for their many problems. These two along with the school psychologist are the nucleus for all guidance activities at the school.

In the summer of 1951 the school conducted its first institute for mothers of pre-school children. Its success gave every indication that it will continue as a regular feature.

A word must be mentioned of the business staff. From the business manager down to the file clerks the staff works as an efficient team. The business operations are so complex that a large number of clerical workers are necessary for the proper accounting of the school and student funds. The filing system, initiated by Superintendent Stelle is so perfect that on a moment's notice all pertinent data on a certain child may be located.

To correlate the many activities and diverse functions carried on at the school, Stelle has inaugurated a planning and co-ordinating committee which meets weekly. Department heads meet in the office of the Superintendent every Thursday to discuss any problem that seems to be particularly pressing or puzzling. Here liaison is established between the various departments and plans and procedures are discussed on problems that cannot be immediately solved. In this meeting place much school policy is prepared for recommendation to the State Board of Education.

If the test of a successful school is in its products, the Texas School has long stood the test. Each year on Field Day hundreds of alumni converge on the campus. A casual glance at the crowd would convince anyone that the school has had a sound educational philosophy. All over Texas are found products of the school who are active, participating citizens of their respective communities.

The Texas School is approaching the centennial mark in its history. It has gained national prominence in the field of education. Its place in Texas education is secure. Texans may look upon the school with pride as an example of growth, energy, and accomplishment. The towers, even if time should make them only a memory, will continue to give proof of living reality to "The eyes of Texas are upon you, 'til Gabriel blows his horn."



Ruth Oordt, one of the queen's attendants at the tulip festival, Orange City, Iowa, is third from left in the picture above.

CHILDREN OF THE DEAF . . .

Ruth Oordt, Queen's Attendant, Tulip Festival

"Have you ever seen a dream walking?" Yes, you did, if you saw lovely Ruth Oordt of Orange City, Iowa, as she attended the Queen at this year's Tulip Festival! She was one of the six town-elected attendants to Miss Joyce Wiersma, the Tulip Queen, at the spectacular flower event. Ruth's selection as a Queen's attendant was based on personality and beauty, both of which she has in good measure.

Ruth is the daughter of deaf parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Oordt, who have proven how fully and satisfactorily they live with deafness, and how they have enriched the lives of their family. Ruth, 18, and Donna, 13, reflect secure and confident up-bringing, tributes to the wise understanding of their parents. Mr. Oordt is a successful barber in this beautiful, well-kept city. He and his wife, the former Irene Pumphrey, are both products of the Iowa School for the Deaf, at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Ruth and her sister are skillful interpreters in both oral and sign language, and are extremely personable young folk. Ruth's civic activities express themselves in many ways: a good student, a school musician, an active leader in church and school groups, a fine seamstress; she has college aspirations for the fall. During high school she wisely used extra time to economic advantage, too—working in a drug store, learning the meaning of "earning and saving" a dollar.

School friends who recall Mr. Oordt will remember that Doll house he built for the State Fair; how it won first prize in the carpentry division; his skill in wood-working as a hobby is shown in many a beautiful piece of cabinet work he has made for Orange City patrons. When labor was scarce during the Second World War, he helped local needs in interior decorating, erecting of needed buildings, and some farm work. Mr. Oordt "bossed" the building of a salt factory at Hospers, Iowa. This factory is a fine tile building, 32x80 in size.

Mrs. Oordt is a talented seamstress, and her well-clad self and daughters attest to her ability and good taste. Her graceful use of the sign language is well-known and she is often called on in deaf groups to dramatically and beautifully tell a story in signs.

Donna, the attractive blonde "little sister" has a well-rounded group of interests, too; music, sports, church functions, school activities, and the hope of becoming a nurse keep her life a busy one.

Yes, the Tulip Festival of Orange City has blossomed its beauty in lush color again, to be awakened in another spring. And in its galaxy of light and charm was radiant, sweet Ruth Oordt, daughter of a deaf couple who own their happy home in this interesting Dutch settlement of Orange City, Iowa!

MRS. S. H. DORSEY

Churches IN THE DEAF WORLD

Wesley Lauritsen, Editor

St. Peter's Lutheran Mission to the Deaf, Fargo, North Dakota

The Lutheran Mission to the Deaf, Mo. Synod, in Fargo, had its beginning when the Rev. John Salvner, D.D. made a trip to nearby Kindred, N. D., to serve holy communion to seven deaf on July 15 1914. A pastor from Sabin, Minn., while serving a hearing congregation, at about the same time made good use of a blackboard to prepare the four Butenhoffs for membership in his church. Pastor J. Salvner soon took over the work from Minneapolis and united these two groups and had his first services for these people in Fargo on October 22, 1916. Services have been regularly conducted in Fargo since that date. The Rev. W. Ferber took over the field in the fall of 1923.

The Fargo group is a very active group and tries to make up for its small size by its big interest in church affairs. It was organized as a congregation in 1944, with Martin Engen as its first president. Mr. Engen was the first North Dakota deaf to be confirmed into the Missouri Synod. He went to the home of Dr. J. Salvner and took up a course of instruction and would not leave until he had been confirmed. That was determination! Thanks, Mr. Engen! Mr. and Mrs. Engen (Gerda Huseth) now live in retirement near Kindred and are well taken care of by their children. Another "old timer" is Laurence Larson of Grand Forks. He is a graduate of the first Devils Lake graduating class and has been a communicant member of his church ever since Pastor Salvner started services for the deaf in Grand Forks in 1919. At present Augustus Pederson is President of the Fargo group, while Frank Kohlroser is Secretary-treasurer. Mr. Kohlroser lives in Moorhead, Minn., but the Fargo congregation covers a field larger than Fargo itself. The parish extends well into Minnesota, for the pastor preaches regularly in Fergus Fall, Twin Valley, Lengby, and Roseau, all towns in Minnesota.

St. Peter's of Fargo took an active part in the Conquest for Christ, a drive of this year to make it possible to go in on a large building and missionary expansion program. The ladies have Lutheran Women's Missionary League

organized a local chapter of the (LWML) and were pleased when they received the 100th local membership certificate for the North Dakota District. Mrs. G. Nordhougen is president of the group, Mrs. Frank Kohlroser vice-president, Mrs. Augustus Pederson treasurer, and Mrs. Robert Phinney is secretary. The Grand Forks ladies also are meeting as an unorganized group of the LWML. Mrs. A. G. Kellam, a hearing lady, formerly District President and a delegate to national conventions, deserves much credit for the help she is giving. The ladies of these two groups are greatly interested in this society since it has given more than \$1900 towards a chapel room, which the Devils Lake congregation of hearing people has added to its new church building. This room is to be used by the deaf children of the State School and by the near-by adult deaf, as their place of worship.

Another project of the Fargo group is their own chapel room, a room they are furnishing without any assistance from any hearing organization. After once the hearing local congregation, Grace Lutheran, had given the room, the deaf decided, that they themselves would change the room into a neat chapel. An altar platform, communion rail, cross, picture of Christ and a painting job, have been donated by the deaf. The next step will be the altar.

On June 8 of this year the deaf of this parish, as far as distance permitted, came together in Fargo for a Confirmation Reunion Service. Over 50 deaf even-

tually found their way to Fargo in spite of many travel difficulties.

What about the future of this parish? In Fargo's last service shortly before these pages were written, the youngest communicant member present, Patricia Carlson of Colfax, N. Dak., sang the hymn: "Lead us to Thee." North Dakota's young deaf Lutherans do come to church, be it in the school, or wherever they have a chance to meet their pastor during the summer months. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, who have opened their school to us to instruct the Lutheran deaf and to bring them under the church's influence. His entire staff, as far as it is possible, has also been very helpful. But the parish is not only a parish for young people. On the Confirmation Reunion Day Mrs. Henry Butenhoff, a grandmother, who prepared for church membership in 1914, closed the services by the signing of the hymn "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

During the cold winter months the pastor gives most of his time to the work in the State School and in Fargo-Moorhead, but during the summer months he travels thousands of miles across the prairie and through the woods to look up smaller groups and isolated deaf. These deaf also do whatsoever they can to meet him and save him unnecessary travel. Recently Miss Maxine Linson decided she would go to church. To attend one service she drove her father's car over a hundred miles and then in rather congenial company travelled about 200 miles more for another service. Martin Engen showed determination to learn God's way back in 1910 when he went to Minneapolis. Maxine is showing determination in 1952. With such an earnest interest in the gospel of Jesus we all are looking forward to a bright future for this parish, the so-called Fargo parish, which stretches over swamps, forest and prairie.



Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Engen enjoy lunch while he reads devotional book to her. Engen was first North Dakota deaf confirmed into the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

Sermon of the Month

By Rev. W. Ferber

Lutheran Minister to the Deaf
Fargo, North Dakota

1. Kings 13, 7. *Come home with me and refresh thyself.*

Years ago our parents brought us to the State School for the Deaf. Often the deaf child, coming to school for the first time is frightened and cries, the mother weeps and father makes sure that nobody is looking and then wipes away his tears. To the parents their home became empty when the deaf child left. But Tommy or Mary (or what is your name) soon found nice playmates in the State School for the Deaf. They also found an understanding housemother, a loving teacher. The deaf child found a new home in school. When classes are finished the teacher sometimes sees the children say: "Let us go home." The teacher says: "Your parents are far away, your home is far away." The children then point to the dormitories, to the places where the housemothers are waiting. To the deaf children the school has become a second, a good home. During vacation we again went to our first home to our parents. Surely God has been good to us to give us two homes. Let us say: "We thank God for these two homes."

We like our home-coming to our schools. We can see many improvements in our school. The Bible tells us of a home better even than the best school-home. It was the home, which God had given to Adam and Eve, the place we name Paradise. Sometimes we name it the Garden of Eden. We left our school-home. Adam and Eve also left their home. Why did Adam and Eve leave their perfect home? They had broken the rule which God had given them for their home. They had broken the rule about the eating of the food from that one tree. How many rules did WE break in school? Did we break a few rules? No, we broke many rules.

How terrible! No perfect home! Do WE have a perfect home? No, we also have no perfect home. We have left our good school. We may also have left our parents' good home. We may have been married and have made a home for wife (husband) and children. We worked hard to make a good home. We worked in the sweat of our brow. God said to Adam: "Work in the sweat of thy brow until thou become dust." That means: "Work till you die." Does that mean that I must try to give my people a home, work hard and still confess: "The home I have given is an imperfect home." and then die a failure, and go down to the dust of the grave? Again, how terrible! Is the grave my last home, and can I provide nothing better for my people?



REV. W. FERBER

Parents' home, the school, the home I have made for my people, all gone and I and my people, my friends with us, go to the grave. Let us run away from those things!

Can we run away from those things? Let us run to Jesus. Let us run to Jesus as Jesus was nearing the grave. Jesus is hanging on the cross. I see nails in Jesus' hands. I used nails to make my earthly home. Through these nails Jesus made my heavenly home. Then Jesus died and two men came and carried Jesus to His grave. It was a new, a nice, a clean grave. But on Easter morning the angel said: "He is not here, He is risen." Jesus did not stay in the grave. Jesus after forty days left the earth and went to heaven, the perfect, the everlasting home.

This home for Jesus, is it also MY home? Let me ask the dying Jesus: "Can I go with you to your home in heaven?" Jesus answers: "Those nails through my hands I have used to make a home for YOU in heaven." I confess, I am a sinner. In school teacher made me stand in the corner as a punishment. But when I look at those nails in the hands of Jesus I see that there is no more punishment for my sins. "The blood of Jesus cleanseth me from all sin." I thank Jesus for taking away my sins through His death on the cross. Now the gates of heaven are again open for me. I again have a perfect home.

Homecoming days in our State Schools quickly pass away. We then must go home. Will we meet again? We do not know. But if we do not meet again here on earth, God be with you till we meet again and let this meeting be in heaven, our perfect home, let that last homecoming be the one in our Fatherland, because

Heaven is my Fatherland,
Heaven is my Home. Amen.

Conference of Social and Religious Workers for the Deaf

On August 1, 2, and 3, the deaf of Charlotte, N. C. were hosts to the Third Annual Conference of Social and Spiritual Workers Among the Deaf.

"Preparation for Life" was the theme for this year's conference. J. M. Robertson, retiring president of the conference, gave the keynote address.

At the Friday afternoon session of the conference Dr. Ben. M. Schowe, Industrial Analyst of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, gave a paper on the subject, "An Optimistic View of Employment Opportunities for the Adult Deaf." A paper on "Vocational Training Opportunities for the Adult Deaf," was given by Richard M. Phillips, Specialist for the deaf and hard of hearing, Indianapolis, Ind. Miss Martha Lutz, a member of the faculty at the Missouri School for the Deaf at Fulton, Missouri, gave a talk on "The Utilization of Spare Time for Deaf People."

On Saturday morning under the theme "Ideals of Life," the following subjects were presented "The Ideals of Life Begun at School" by Dr. Carl E. Rankin, Superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Deaf; "Welfare Work Among the Deaf," by the Rev. C. L. Jones, Little Rock Arkansas; "Improvement of Standards Among Clubs for the Deaf." The latter was a paper prepared by Lawrence N. Yolles, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, though he himself was unable to be present.

"The Spiritual Side of Life" was the subject for discussion at the Saturday afternoon session. Speakers were the Rev. Stewart N. Dale, Director of the work among the deaf and the blind of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Rev. Robert Johnson, of the Cruselle-Freeman Mission of the Deaf, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Robert C. Fletcher, Episcopal Minister to the Deaf, and Mrs. Janie Carter, Charlotte, N. C.

Numerous topics came up for discussion following the presentation of the papers. A few of the topics discussed were "Marriage Counselling," "The Value of Signs in teaching spiritual truths to students as well as adults," "How to Improve the religious life among students," "The need of supervision and guidance for many of the deaf boys and girls during vacation periods," and "Employment and readjustment problems."

Perhaps the most vital question from the point of view of the religious leaders present at the conference was the need for use of the sign language among deaf students in order to develop their religious life.

Richard Phillips was elected president for the coming year.

—REV. STEWART N. DALE

The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

Today is the deadline for copy to be sent in to the genial and efficient BBB. This hot weather has left us with a lot of half-baked ideas none of which is fit to appear in a magazine of this class.



W. T. GRIFFING

A lot of state conventions have been held during the summer. We bet they were a lot of fun and, for the most part, a great help to the deaf scattered over the country.

The NAD convention at Austin did not draw as it should. A fine one we are to say this when we were not there to answer present! There must be something wrong with guys like us. Instead of waiting for January 1st in order to make this resolution (I resolve to be a bigger and better NAD booster forever and ever!) it might be to the advantage of us all to make the resolution right now and put it into instant effect.

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The pigskin is poppin'. You can safely deduct the fact that school doors have swung wide open for the hundreds of thousands of young people who are in the process of being trained for citizenship. For our schools for the deaf this department expresses the sincere wish that each one may enjoy a happy and progressive session.

Some of these schools are residential, others are private, while still others are classified as parochial. Regardless of how they operate, there is good for each one to do. There should be an end to all this bickering and the belittling of programs. When one type of school goes all out to show up the shortcomings of others there must surely occur an educational lag which does not react toward the greatest good for the greatest possible number. Education, so it is said, is life. Our schools should always keep this fact in mind.

Persons who are engaged in this high calling should be big, too big not to see and recognize truth as it exists in any school, in any child. It is to be regretted that the profession has some long-winded theorists who hold themselves so eminent that they can look into the minds and hearts of little children and say with positive assurance just what type of instruction is best for them.

Man may propose, but it is God who disposes!

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The beautiful new Ohio School for

the Deaf is all but completed. But we have been told that it has been suggested that no deaf teachers of the deaf be employed there. If this be true, there is a lot of work to be done in and around Columbus. It is nice to know the NAD will take a hand to help prevent such a silly idea from being adopted by persons who should know better but evidently don't.

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There is a growing tendency on the part of associations and alumni groups to criticize rather openly the administration of our schools. If there is any dirty linen to be washed, it should be done privately if at all possible. For it to hang on the line for the general public to see is to invite censure from public officials and others who would be happy to see residential schools fold, the pupils transferred to the common schools.

It is hard enough for the schools to convince people there is a special need for such a type of educational training for the deaf. Educators are, after all, merely human. They can make mistakes and often do. From the outside looking in, running a school seems as easy as eating pie; from the inside looking out—brother! that's a horse of another color, absolutely and irrevocably.

More constructive criticism and less of the destructive kind is the crying need of the day, not only in our schools for the deaf but everywhere deaf persons associate with one another.

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Just out of curiosity we wonder how many graduates of Gallaudet College are 32 degree Masons and members of the Shrine. We know of two, namely, Eugene Hogle of Florida and Alfred Stephens of Oklahoma. Should you know of others please drop this department a line. Thanks.

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We appreciate copies of the *Desomic News*, published by deaf sons of Master Masons. Two lodges have been installed so far, Seattle No. 1 and Los Angeles No. 2. The Order of Desoms was given a write up in the *New Age* magazine which is published in Washington, D.C., by the Supreme Council of the Masonic Order.

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The problem of carrying sufficient liability insurance is becoming a headache for most deaf drivers. No longer is \$5,000/\$20,000 sufficient inasmuch as damage suits usually run into the hundred thousand dollar brackets. Few of us can afford to carry more than \$20,000, yet were we to be sued for,

say, \$100,000 where would the rest come from?

There is just one thing for the deaf driver to do: drive carefully for himself and extra carefully for the assorted "nuts" behind a wheel!

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The 36th meeting of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf will take place at the Washington School for the Deaf, Vancouver, June 28-July 3, 1953. The change in dates was made necessary to enable many of the teachers of the Eastern Seaboard to attend.

Supt. Epperson, we know, will be a wonderful host. We harbor the suspicion that this 36th meeting will be one of the best on record.

The deaf teachers of the deaf will be headed by Thomas Ulmer of the Oregon School. Tom is easily one of the outstanding young men in the profession, a worker and a hustler from the drop of the hat. What he has done in the field of Scouting is something to deeply admire. Tom is due the co-operation of us all.

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Recently we read the press account of a wedding featuring two deaf persons. It appeared in print in the society section of one of the leading dailies. There was not a word in the story to indicate the couple was deaf or had ever attended a school for the deaf, nor was there a single deaf person in the wedding party.

Now, these young people associate with their own kind freely at social gatherings, thus we are puzzled as to why something should not have been said about their deafness, their educational background, and their present vocational pursuits. The conclusion is this: false pride on the part of the parents.

A welcome contrast to this was a picnic given by a group of students and former graduates of a state school. What made this picnic so pleasant and so unusual was that the parents were also invited to come along to make it just one big family affair. And, they came!

These parents are proud of their children and what they have been able to do for themselves despite the handicap of deafness. That is the right attitude because it brings on peace of mind as years go by.

This country can surely stand for a great many more parents of this kind. Our schools would then be able to accomplish more and the children would be far happier in the long run. So, we tip our hat to that group of picnickers made up of lucky children and wise parents.

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We think these three deaf men are

most unusual. When they were questioned by New Orleans police for having in their possession a great number of assorted coins all neatly wrapped, they explained that they had had all their currency exchanged for the coins, which they preferred to handle.

We thought it was usually the other way around, but all this goes to show how old fashioned we are—or suspicious!

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When a deaf peddler showed up in the little city of Shawnee, Oklahoma, to go the rounds of the cafes, an indignant deaf lady, a resident of that city, one who is proud of the honest work she and her husband do, followed him from place to place advising the patrons of the cafes not to contribute. The peddler left in a huff. She followed this up by having the daily news columnist warn merchants in that city to beware of such panhandlers. Thus a job was neatly and efficiently done. We hereby nominate Mrs. Velma Ashcraft as our *Carrie Nation of the Year*.

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This is more than enough. We can just see BBB turning pale. So, if we do not fall out of our observation booth at the football stadium, we will be seeing you again next month. But if we are not here, that's your good luck. bye.

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The Silent Printer

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According to the American Pressman, the Times Herald Printing Co., of Dallas, Texas, has recently signed a first time contract with the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union. The report states that the Texas Poster Printing Co., of Austin, Texas, also has signed a first time contract with the union. Any deaf working in these shops? Let's hear from you about your new scale and any other benefits you may be receiving as a result of these new contracts.

There is a very informative article in the July American Pressman about the heat seal label papers manufactured by the Nashua Mills. Lots of good dope in it. The Silent Printer remembers what a time we had with heat seal papers when they first came out, nobody knew anything about them and we had to start from scratch and learn by bitter experience.

Seems to be a lot of argument before the Wage Stabilization Board to grant productivity increases in wages. That means the Board will permit a wage increase to a worker if it can be demonstrated that he is producing more. That should be easy for the deaf. No distracting noises, no temptation to engage in idle talk, and the will to work of the deaf seems a sure bet to enable an average deafie to top the production of an average hearie.

Here's an idea for those of you who have callouses on one finger from poking a linotype. When, once in a while, you forget the font distinguisher when swinging magazines, resulting in mats and second elevator being hung up at the distributor, and the first elevator detained under the guide, it is not necessary to get behind the machine and go thru the usual clearing procedure. Simply recast the line—at the same time changing the font distinguisher. The mats will clear the distributor box and operation can continue without interruption. What's your pet idea?

Here's this month's installment of the directory.

Leo Latz, Linotype operator, Minneapolis Star and Tribune, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Minnesota school.

Paul E. Kees. Adman, Minneapolis Star and Tribune, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Trenton, N. J. school.

Andrew B. Beckham, Jr., Floorman, Hall Printing Co., Waco, Texas. Texas school.

Harry Jacobs, Pressman, Commercial shop, Milwaukee. Wisconsin. Wisconsin school.

Mrs. Elvaree Wildman, (Hey, we got a lady printer!) Linotype operator, San Diego (Calif.) Evening Tribune. Oklahoma school.

William H. Wright, Machinist-operator, Jacksonville Journal, Jacksonville, Fla. Kentucky school.

Wm. Clinton Jones, Ludlow operator, Bruce Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minnesota school. Brother Jones states he has been employed at the Bruce Co., for 39 (yes, thirty-nine) years. Quite a record to be proud of. Let's have a little contest to see if any other deafie can top Bill's record for continuous service in one company. Prize will be one 36 pt. worn-out Cheltenham Bold Cap H to be awarded with due ceremony at the Cincinnati Convention in 1955.

The Louisiana School Print Shop. A. S. Courge, instructor. This school is very well equipped, according to the report. Equipment consists of 3 open Platens; 1 Auto Rice C&P; 1 Babcock Cylinder; Power Cutter; 10 Metal Type Stands; 4 Imposing Stones, 2 of which are steel; 3 Linotypes; 1 Ludlow; 1 Elrod; 2 Saws; 1 No. 7 Boston Stitcher; Round Hole Perforator; Power Drill. Mr. Courge states that he has a request in for a Kelly. According to information at hand at this date the Louisiana School shop is the only one having a Ludlow. These are popular machines for setting display and the deaf can profit by learning their operation. Mr. Courge says his usual practice is to start beginners hand feeding the platens. Seems to be the universal practice. The Silent Printer was different tho, he learned the case first thing. (His boss claims he don't know it vet.)

Have a card from Carl B. Smith, Battle Creek, Michigan. This Smith character offers the Silent Printer a free shave by mail. Says he graduated from the Missouri School as a 2/3er 42 years ago and promptly took up barbering. To think that, after years of tender, loving cultivation and uncounted bottles of hair tonic, anyone would think that the Silent Printer would willingly part with his lovely beard! But then this Smith person was only a 2/3er and so ignorant of the finer things of life as to forsake the noble trade of typesetting for the crass one of barbering. Perhaps that explains such an unfeeling attitude.



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SWinging 'round the nation

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Information about births, deaths, marriages, and engagements should be mailed to the Editor.

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NEW YORK . . .

The marriage of Eleanor Case Westervelt of Cresskill, N. J., and James (Jack) Vincent Bahan, Jr. of Jackson Heights, N. Y., took place on August 2. Joseph Heinrich of Woodside was his best man.

The marriage of Katherine Mary Gaffney and Joseph Thomas Feely took place on August 16 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on East 14 Street, N. Y. C. After the wedding a reception was held for relatives and a few close friends on the roof of the Grammercy Park Hotel. The newlyweds will make their home in St. Paul, Minn.

Born to the John O'Donnells of Richmond Hill, L. I., their third child and first son, Jeffrey John on July 17. The Julius Fishbeins became the proud parents of a son, Robert Arthur, on May 27. To the H. William Bernstein's a boy, Fredric Ian, on July 25. Born on May 16, tipping the scales at 8 lbs. 1 oz. was Joan Karen, second daughter of Sidney and Mildred Albert Rosen of Bayside, L. I. Gallaudet grads of the 1941 class may remember Mrs. Rosen.

Annette Bonafede and Muriel Dvorak drove to Boston, Mass., on July 25 in the former's car to attend the Catholic Convention there. Miss Bonafede's mother and aunt accompanied them in order to visit relatives who live there.

The Ephpheta Society for the Catholic Deaf held their annual outing at Quespeck Park, Rockland Lake, Rockland, N. Y. on August 2. Gerald Fournier was chairman.

Vacation cards were received from Charles B. Terry, Vincent Blend and Avis Allen, Austin, Texas; Edna Kriegshaber, Austin, Texas, Las Vegas, Nev., and Barryville, N. Y.; Madge Finley, Washington, D. C.; Charles Herche, Provincetown, Mass.; John Wilson Lang, Amagansett, L. I.; Mrs. Spencer Hoag,

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Minnesota Couple Honored on Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Peterson of Faribault, Minnesota, were honored on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday afternoon, August 24, at a reception given at the home of Supt. and Mrs. Howard M. Quigley of the Minnesota School for the Deaf.

More than a hundred friends and relatives were present to congratulate the couple who have lived happily together in Faribault for a half century. The gathering at the Quigley home brought together many former co-workers of the honored couple. These included Miss Josephine Quinn, retired teacher and principal of the Minnesota School for the Deaf who was on the staff with Mr. Peterson during the entire 38 years that he was instructor of sloyd.

Among the out-of-town people present were Mrs. Herman March, sister of Mrs. Peterson. Mrs. March is the wife of Professor W. H. March, of the University of Wisconsin.

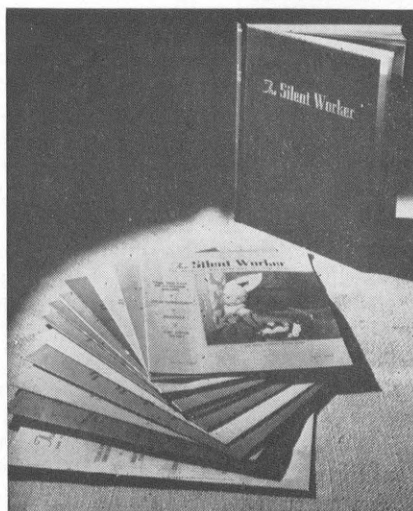
Peter N. Peterson and Lila McGowan were married at the bride's home in Ocheyedan, Iowa, on August 24, 1902, in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends. Mr. Peterson was a graduate from the Iowa School for the Deaf. Both attended Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C., being graduated in 1898. After graduation Mrs. Peterson taught at the North Dakota School for the Deaf for three years and right

after the wedding the young couple moved to Faribault.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have two sons, Robert who is a successful newspaper publisher at Norman, Oklahoma. Two of Robert Peterson's sons are accredited Associated Press men in Oklahoma. They are Robert, Jr., and Dick. Robert Peterson, Jr., has a young son, Robert III, only great grandson of the P. N. Petersons.

The other Peterson son, Edwin Gallaudet Peterson, is located at Eugene, Oregon, where he is in the hearing aid business. Before entering the present business Mr. Peterson made his mark as an educator of the deaf, having been superintendent of a Canadian School for the Deaf and the Montana School for the Deaf.

Mr. Peterson, now 84, is looked upon as the grand old man among the deaf of Minnesota. His life history is an inspiration to all who know him. On a boat from Sweden bound for America, the land of opportunity, Mr. Peterson, then sixteen, was taken ill with a malady that left him stone deaf. He arrived here in an alien land not knowing a word of the language and without money and without friends. His indomitable spirit carried him through the Minnesota School for the Deaf and Gallaudet College. With a brilliant mind he mastered the fine points of the language of his adopted country and became a prolific writer. He contributed many articles to professional magazines and in 1914 was awarded a Master of Arts degree by Gallaudet College. For two years he edited *The Companion*, official organ of the Minnesota School for the Deaf and kept the paper at a high standard of excellence. He retired from his teaching duties in 1937, but is still hale and hearty and active in community affairs. Mrs. Peterson likewise continues to take an interest in local organizations for the deaf.



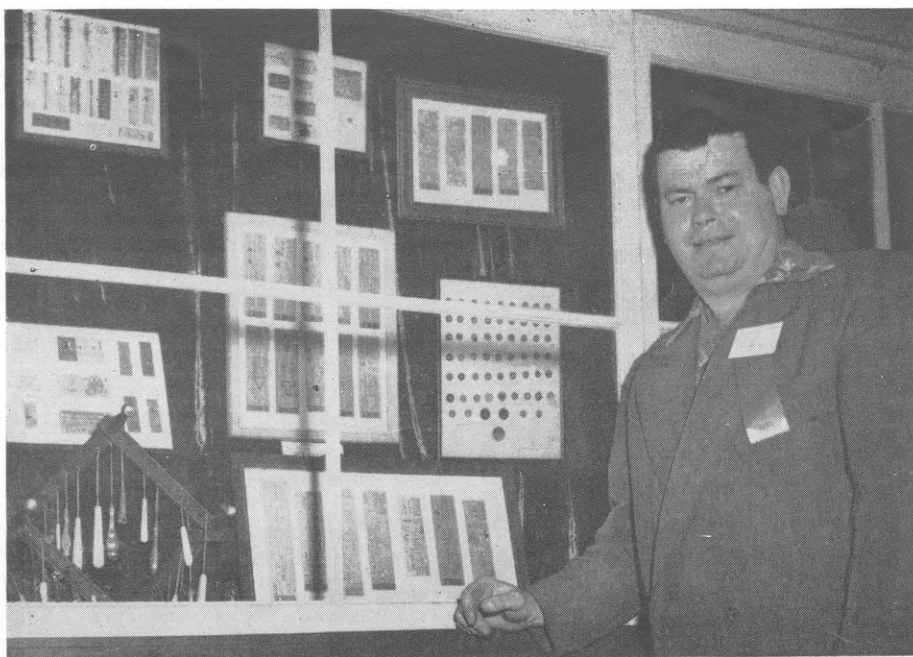
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Jack H. Hedden, of Los Angeles, and a display of his hobby which has been shown at a number of hobby shows. Jack's love for trains and streetcars reflects in his hobby, which is a collection of transfers, checks, school tickets, passes, and tokens neatly framed for display. Jack's collection won second prize at the Shrine convention in Los Angeles in March and was again on display at the Long Beach annual hobby show and the Los Angeles Club of the Deaf.

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Montreal, Canada, and Chauncey Crocker, Montreal, Canada.

The annual outing of the Buffalo Club for the Deaf was held on August 2 at the Idle Hour Rest on Grand Island. Beer was served all day and at 6 P. M. a picnic supper was distributed to all. A number of games were played including horseshoe pitching. About 100 were in attendance with quite a few from Rochester, Syracuse and Niagara Falls. The committee consisted of the executive board with President Elmer Briel acting as chairman.

Rita Pontius has moved back to Buffalo after having made her home in Syracuse for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Gleason Erb left around the first of August for a motor trip through New England.

Mildred Caputy's five-year-old daughter, Joyce, underwent an emergency appendectomy in Children's Hospital on August 3.

The Buffalo Club for the Deaf is now located at 103 Broadway, a few blocks from Main Street and the old club rooms. Members have been busy putting the new place into shape and are just about finished and ready for inspection.

The Buffalo Civic Association of the Deaf held a regular meeting on August 9 followed by an entertainment entitled "Family Album" and the serving of refreshments. Chairmen were Gerald Mardill and Mrs. Bob Heacock.

The Long Island Club of the Deaf is

making some long-range plans which will reach deep into the heart of winter. The members are looking forward to the meetings on the third Friday of each month. There will be the annual "Sports Nite," the annual banquet, the monthly festivals, the movie nites and heaven knows what else. Never a dull moment at the LIC!

The annual outing of the LIC took place at Lake Ronkonkoma on August 19. Due to uncertain weather, a small crowd showed up. A nip-and-tuck softball game was the highlight of the day—for the men. The ladies, after attending to their wifely duties of cooking over the portable charcoal stoves and cleaning up the inevitable mess after the feasting, sat down to games of Canasta.

Mrs. Irene Brakke and son Johnny III, flew to Edmonton, Alberta, to attend the funeral of her brother, who was accidentally killed while driving a truck. It was her first visit home in seven years and her family were happy to see her and meet her beautiful blond little boy for the first time.

Bob and Ginny McCollum drove up to northern New York to visit some friends. He is a machinist at Republic Aviation Corporation.

Peter Scanlon has obtained a job on Long Island and he and his charming bride Norma will soon move out to L. I. Peter was formerly employed in Pearl River, N. Y. Norma is a real Long Island girl and will be happy to be back with her family and friends.

Mrs. Margie Goosk is unquestionably the female bowling champ of the club. Husband Charles is the undisputed champ at the shuffleboard bowling. He ripped off scores of 247, 248 and 249 in three tries. (See how he improved?)

KANSAS . . .

Mrs. Ethel Flowers has returned to her home in Albuquerque, New Mexico, after spending two months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nanney, of Newton, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Ditzler, the newlyweds of Indianapolis, were overnight guests of the Charles Conrads of Wichita while on their way to Los Angeles, where they plan to make their home.

Mrs. Velma Brubaker of Topeka is employed as a key punch operator in the government supply depot of the Airforce Base.

The annual picnic of the Midwest Central Kansas Deaf Association was held at the City Park in Manhattan on July 20th. A family basket dinner was served to about 150 people. The nearby swimming pool attracted many of the young folks. The Rev. A. E. Ferber of Kansas City conducted a worship service at the chapel at the Kansas State College at ten o'clock in the morning.

On the 27th of July Mr. and Mrs. Archie Grier, accompanied by Misses Mina Munz and Pauline Conwell, visited the Edward Foltzes at their Ridgeway Lodge near Neal, where they enjoyed a nice channel catfish dinner. The temperature was three degrees cooler than in Wichita.

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Srack, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lichtenberger and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Thomas, all of Wichita, tried angling at the Fall River Dam one night. All they got were a couple of small fish which they had to throw back in the water. On the way back home, they stopped at the Ridgeway Lodge, where the Foltzes have been taking it easy throughout the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Wichita vacationed in Wyoming (where his parents are), at Salt Lake City and in California. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Fisher of Olathe spent two weeks at Hutchinson as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Reed. One Saturday they all were brought to Wichita by the Don Millers to call on deaf friends at the WCD hall. Mrs. Florence Skripsy of Riverside, Calif., returned to Wichita after a two weeks visit with her daughter and family at Neosho, Mo. She visited an interesting cave near Neol, Mo. During her stay at Wichita, she was an honored dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Denton. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dibble and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sopnoble, of Denver, Colo., spent their vacation in Topeka and in Kansas City. At Topeka they bought a new Buick and drove it home.

Bernard Spruell of San Pedro, Calif., was a guest of his brother Harry and family in Wichita.

Edwin K. Hartman, son of Mrs. George Denton, was at Iowa on his two weeks vacation, visiting relatives.

Undergoing major operations were Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Mrs. Richard Jennings. A minor operation was for Mrs. Francis Srack. The women are all mending nicely. John Wagner, of Topeka, was hospitalized for an operation on the back of his neck. If the operation is not successful, he may have to wear a brace on his neck permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Grier returned from a two weeks vacation at San Diego, Calif., with their daughter Gladys and family. Gladys' husband left August 4th for naval service at Guam. The Griers went to Tijuana, Mexico, and other points of interest.

Miss Lois Adele Long of Houston, Texas, formerly of Wichita, and James Howard McKee of Sacramento, Calif., are making plans to be married November 23rd at Houston. The couple will make their home at San Jose, Calif.

The Wichita Farmettes a girls' softball team sponsored by a prominent clothing firm of which Doris Heil is a player, entered the state tourney at Hutchinson. The team placed fourth and Doris should be pretty stiff now as they played nearly every day.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Orchids to the Hollywood Silent Club for the enjoyable picnic held at Lake Park in Venice the end of July. Although the attendance was rather small, the hearts of those in charge of the affair proved to be very large. They presented CAD president Toivo Lindholm with \$25, to be turned over to the California Home for the Aged Deaf.

Isadore Krasne postals from Kansas City and points east whither he has gone on a prolonged vacation. He stopped

over in Kansas City, Mo., to give his regards to the Herman Vincents and then to Philadelphia and New York City. He writes that friends have been most hospitable.

July saw Florence and Bill West of Oakland up in Whitehorse, Alaska, visiting Bill's father in Dawson and dropping postal cards to their less adventurous friends in California. Main topic of their correspondence seemed to be the flight they made by plane some 9000

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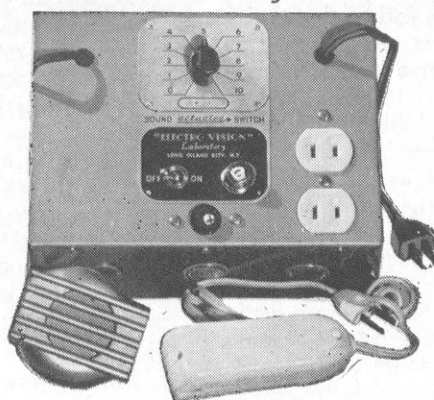
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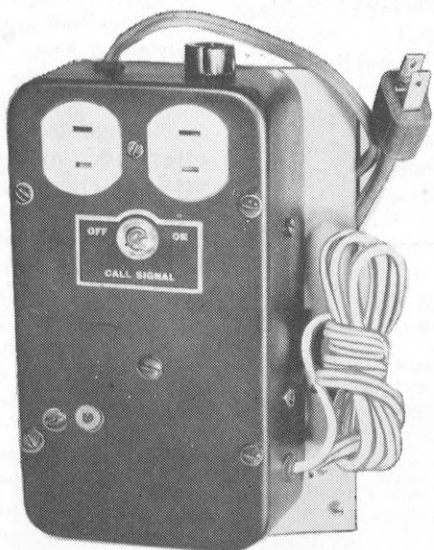
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The LONG View

By Elmer Long

A common belief among hearing people is that the deaf have better eyesight than the hearing. This is based upon the age-old assumption that, with the loss of one of the senses, the remaining four senses automatically improve in order to compensate for the missing sense.



ELMER LONG

While the deaf do, in all probability, use their eyes more and to better advantage than do the hearing, it does not follow that their eyes are actually stronger. Just the reverse is true. Most of us have become deaf through an infection resulting from childhood disease, and since the optic nerve is in the same general anatomical area as the auditory nerve, the ravages of the infection that destroy the functions of the ear very often do considerable damage to the eyes as well. To prove this to yourself, just think of the number of your deaf acquaintances who wear glasses, and then the number of hearing people you know who wear glasses—the chances are, the use of spectacles will be more common among your deaf friends.

This is but one of many such glaring misconceptions concerning the eyes and the ears. Perhaps I am being too critical but it irritates me no end to find otherwise intelligent people holding such opinions.

The aircraft company that pays for my bread and butter recently gave wide distribution to a poster advising eye protection. The entire poster was nothing

but a blank, black square. At the top, white lettering proclaimed dramatically, "THIS IS WHAT A BLIND PERSON SEES — PROTECT YOUR EYES."

Such a poster is strong propaganda, of course. Anyone can get the implication that, since we cannot see in the dark, a blind man's eyes register nothing except black. But do we know that? I have always understood that blind eyes were still sensitive to light and shadow; that the blind can distinguish between night and day. I would go so far as to suggest that the blind are able to distinguish several shades of light and dark, although no recognizable image forms upon the retina of their eyes, just as we deaf are sensitive to many kinds of vibration which convey no sense of sound.

Then there is a certain local doctor, conducting a weekly column on the care of the eyes, who states unequivocally that "... eyesight is our most precious possession." He also states, farther on, that "... eighty percent of all we learn is learned through the use of the eyes."

What he says is perfectly true for the deaf, but he was referring to hearing people at large, and to that I must take exception. If I had normal hearing I can think of several parts of my body that I would deem more important than my eyes. I would like to know, too, how he figures that eighty per cent business. You and I know very well that a child with perfect eyes, but with no hearing, can learn practically nothing without special instruction. A blind child, on the other hand, can develop his mind almost on a par with his seeing brother. He has no trouble at all learning speech — perhaps the most basic form of learning. And through speech comes the exchange of ideas and a subsequent mental development follows. In my opinion, the good doctor would be more accurate if he had said that eighty per cent of all learning comes through the use of the ears!

After all my criticism, I suppose that anyone who has read this far is expecting a very forceful conclusion. My complaint is really very small. I am merely stumping for accuracy. The originator of the poster, and the doctor with his column, will undoubtedly feel justified in making misstatements if such misstatements help people to take better care of their eyes. But I contend that they could be just as effective by the use of true and proven facts, without lending official credence to old wives' tales and improper thinking.

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feet up. They enjoyed every minute of their trip and life in Oakland does seem rather humdrum to them now.

It seems that our friends no longer take vacations inside the U. S. The fashion now seems to be Canada, Alaska, Mexico, or even Europe. John Curtin returned in August from a long visit in Mexico City saying that the food there began to pall on him and had a lot to do with his early return home to Maywood. Ian and Betty Robertson left Los Angeles in mid-August for Canada on vacation. Both of them have been working six nights a week and are certain the change of scenery will benefit them greatly.

Iva Smallidge closed up the house out in Monterey Park in August and took off on a leisurely auto jaunt cross-country to Michigan, her old stamping grounds, in her niece, Emma's, Ford.

Flo and Herman Skedsmo returned home to Compton in August from several weeks' tour of the country from Los Angeles to NYC. Both of them returned looking as brown as Indians and Caroline and Bobby grew several inches, it seems, during the journey.

Ethel Himmelschein was delighted to meet up with old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Padden of Chicago, at the Los Angeles Club August 16. Charles Lawson of Marion, Ind., is another visitor to the southland, staying at the home of his parents in Hawthorne. Charles will make his home here in the event he finds lucrative employment.

Jack and Meta Kondell of Chicago were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fahr and the Emory Gerichs in Los Angeles during August. Emory and Evelyn gave a reception in honor of Jack and Meta the evening of August 3, at which local people were given a chance to become acquainted with the pleasant couple.

Through the efforts of Geraldine Fail, the Long Beach Club showed Troy Hill's 16 mm films of the NAD convention, the Houston Nationals, and other movies to a large audience in Town Hall August 9. Notable visitors attending and giving short talks of encouragement concerning Long Beach's plans for the 1954 Far-West Tourney were: Thomas Elliott, FAAD President; Connie Marchione, Sec'y Treasurer; Lenny Meyer of the 1954 Committee; Art Kruger, AAAD Sec'y Treasurer; Lou Dyer, Los Angeles' famed basketball coach; Ross Bailey, Manager of the Long Beach team, and others. FAAD v-pres. Harry Jacobs and 1954 Sec'y Treas. Herb Schreiber were unable to attend, much to the regret of the LBCD folk. With Florian Caligiuri doing the ceremonies, August 9 was enjoyable and many

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thanks are extended to Troy Hill of Dallas for the films, which were very interesting. Other clubs may rent Troy's movies by writing to him at the Dallas Club.

Joe and Cora Park and children of San Pedro returned home the last week of August after almost a month in San Angelo, Dallas, and Paris, Texas. They reported the heat a bit less than it was a year ago but just the same we notice they are glad to be back in cool California.

Carl O. Nelson of Visalia takes time out to write to the News Editor tendering a bit of praise concerning the News department of the *WORKER*. Carl writes alumni items, and others, for the *California News* so he greatly appreciates the time and trouble that go into the news coverage on a national scale. Thank you for the bouquet, Carl!

Although she tends to gloss over her recent illness, Los Angeles' white-haired little lady, Grace Noah, was really very sick for two weeks during August with a gall bladder ailment which kept her in bed under the care of her physician at the home of her daughter. Grace has returned to her own home at this writing, much to the objection of her family and her daughter who visits her daily. She is feeling more like herself altho' on a very strict diet and her many friends are hoping she will soon be her active and interesting self again.

Angel Acuna will help boost the standing of the Los Angeles' basketball team this coming season. Angel is currently employed as a printer and spent most of the past summer squiring his lovely fiancée, Darlene Darrah, around southern California. Darlene, a recent graduate of Gallaudet, will serve on the culinary staff at the Minnesota school when classes resume in September. Both of them still maintain complete silence when asked when the wedding bells are going to ring out.

Martin Tuttle, one of the best basket-

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Walter Lester and Emory Gerichs (foreground) greet donors at the California Home for Aged Deaf. The donors, bearing furniture, are, left to right: Mrs. West Wilson, Grant Martin, and Mrs. Betty Blaylock.

Home for Aged Deaf Established by California Association

By Jack H. Hedden

For many years the California Association of the Deaf had dreamed of establishing a home for its aged deaf and thus keep pace with such states as Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Indiana.

Impetus for the search for funds with which to establish a home was begun by the late Theophilus d'Estrella, who left a bequest for the purpose of starting a fund for a home in California. The California Association had added to the fund down through the years, and on November 18, 1951, decision was made by the Executive Board to purchase a dwelling at 953 South Menlo Ave., Los Angeles, to be used for a home. It is a three-story building comprising fifteen rooms, located among well-to-do homes, close to Hollywood.

This home is open at present to any aged deaf couple or single person who receives a pension or support from relatives. It has had a varying number of residents since March.

Emory Gerichs has been appointed

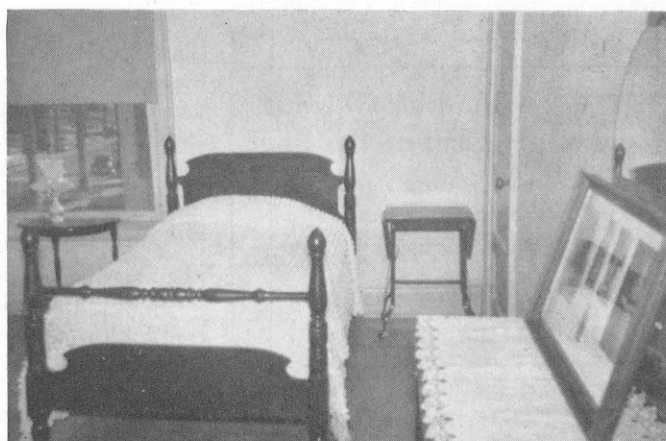
manager of the home, with his wife as matron. Mr. and Mrs. Gerichs moved into the home at the opening and have been running it since.

Among those who have furnished bedrooms were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell, who completely equipped a room with twin beds, a rug, a dresser, lamps, and linen. Another room was furnished by Howard L. Terry, in memory of his wife, the late Alice T. Terry. Others who have donated equipment for bedrooms are Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Cool, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Meyers, Mrs. Edith Schmidt, and Mrs. Isabelle Tyhurst.

A floor furnace was donated and installed by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lester, of Berkeley, and among the larger cash contributions was \$1000, given by Mrs. Melvin Davidson, of Walnut Creek, in memory of her parents.

The living room has been completely furnished with gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gries, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Sorenson, Mrs. Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Himmelschein, and others.

Left, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Gerichs. Mr. Gerichs is manager of the home and Mrs. Gerichs is matron. Right, bedroom furnished by Howard L. Terry as a memorial to his wife, the late Alice T. Terry.



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ball players of all time, paid a brief visit to Los Angeles during the summer. Los Angeles' hopes of securing his services however, were dashed when Marvin returned home.

Lou Dyer, Los Angeles' dynamic basketball coach of the year, has been appointed Director of Athletics of the Los Angeles Club for the coming year by Pres. Fred LaMonto. Lou named Connie Marchione as basketball manager. So it looks like a great season ahead for the Los Angeles team.

WASHINGTON, D. C. . . .

A good-sized crowd showed up to enjoy the District of Columbia Club's "Summer Show" the evening of August 16, which opened with the poem "Madame De La Glaciere" rendered in impressive signs by Victor Galloway. Gertie Galloway rendered "Frankie and Johnnie," followed by an amusing vaudeville skit with such veteran entertainers as Fred Collins, Russell Stecker, John Schumacher, Victor Galloway, and Thomas Cuscaden, all dressed up as girls in a bathing beauty contest with Taras Denis as judge. The "girls" pulled nylon hose over their heads, which gave them curiously distorted features and the clothes they wore were the funniest yet.

Dot Havens has left the Washington Post where she has worked on the lino-type the past several years. She has returned to Wilmington, Del. Friends gathered at Mrs. Swain's apartment August 16 to bid her farewell. W. Clark played host.

The DCCD softball team played its last game of the season August 17 in York, Pa., against the Lancaster and Baltimore teams. Yes, they won both games.

The Donald Kennedys have moved to D. C. after residing in Washington State the past several years. At present they are living with Mrs. Kennedy's folks while looking for other living quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill White took off for California on a month's vacation the end of the summer to visit Bill's former

stamping grounds. Others on vacation at present are Minnie Bache on her annual visit to a friend's cottage in the woods near Rochester; the Duncan Smoaks to Ocean City, Md., for two weeks and Roger and Pauline Scott and young infant to Philadelphia at the home of Pauline's relatives.

Clarence Jennings, chairman, treated local people to a "Watermelon Feast" under the sponsorship of the Virginia Ass'n of the Deaf on Kendall Green August 23. Everyone had a grand time.

The lovely wedding of Margaret Bean and Bill Stifter took place August 23 in Waldorf, Md. Each was honored with a party, Beanie at a shower on August 6 and Bill at a "stag" on August 16. Girls who gathered to compliment "Beanie" were Misses Meda Scott, Stewart, Meinhardt, and Mesdames G. Galloway, M. Walt, G. Watson, S. Collins, B. Hopkins, W. Carter. Hostesses were Konno, Sprainis, Whitley, Barnett, and Barlow. Bill's party consisted of numerous males who gathered to offer him good (?) advice upon his daring venture into matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Craven and the four youngsters have returned to their home in faraway Tucson, Ariz. They spent almost all of the summer as guests of the Goodins and folks here regretted to see the Cravens leave.

Friends of James McVernon are pleased to learn that he is doing fine following an operation for goitre. He was in the hospital for a week.

Surf bathing at Ocean City, Md., attracted quite a number of Washington residents during the summer. Meda Scott made the 50 mile trip in her new Plymouth quite often accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Sprainis, Mrs. Magill, and Mrs. Cook. The new Chesapeake Bay Bridge has just been completed and opened to vehicular traffic.

The Herman Steckers, who moved to Washington, D. C. from West Haven, Conn., are now comfortably settled in Queenstown, Mt. Rainier. Herman is a linotype operator on the Washington Post.

The recent heavy rains flooded the basement of the new home owned by the George Singers in Kensington, Md., and caused a 20 foot section of the basement wall to collapse. Bailing out the water at the time the wall fell, the Singers were most fortunate to escape injury.

Marion Thomas is visiting in town at the home of an Aunt. Marion lives down in Baton Rouge, La.

The two-year-old daughter of the Thomas Cuscadens is a very happy little girl these days. The reason; there is a new baby sister at the Cuscaden home. The baby was born August 20.

Everyone who attended the surprise birthday party Mrs. G. Neale gave for her husband on August 18 had a wonderful evening playing games and filling up on the delicious refreshments Mrs. Neale served. They're still talking about the huge watermelon tho'.

Mrs. Joe Peeples and Mrs. Rehn of Los Angeles, California, were in town to attend the convention of the Christian Deaf Fellowship which was held at the Washington Bible Institute during the week of August 5-11. The two ladies were guests of the Duvals for several days following the convention and then returned to the west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Cycle James of Fort Myers, Fla., came to Washington by way of New York to spend several days with the Duvals also. Mr. and Mrs. James were school day classmates of Mrs. Duval.

News of Washington, D. C., and the surrounding area may be sent to Arlene Stecker, 3109 Queens Chapel Road, Mt. Rainier, Md., or Meda Scott, 639 Lexington Place, N. E. Washington, D. C.

MISSOURI . . .

Betty Weber went to Warren, Ohio, for her two weeks vacation in July. She visited Buffalo, N. Y., Niagara Falls, and parts of Canada, too.

Mrs. Walter Chase of San Diego, Calif., was a guest of Mrs. P. C. Maddox of Kansas City during July.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stack spent a week in colorful Colorado, visiting our friend Harriett Booth Votaw and hubby Herb in Denver. They took trips to Central City, Red Rocks and visited Colorado Springs. They also stopped to see the Alvin O'Connors in Blaine Kansas.

Mrs. Wava Hambel flew to Washington, D. C., July 25th to visit her sister and brother-in-law for two weeks. They went sightseeing in New York City.

Mrs. Nettie Sickel has been ill with pneumonia in her right lung since August 1st and is in St. Margaret's Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. Her sister, Mrs. Grace Jenkins, reports she is improving.

The weekend of August 2-3 found Burr Mills, of Wichita Kan., visiting Annie Ramsey, Erlene Graybill, LeeOda Flaspohler and Dorothy Meyer.

Mrs. Florence Stack went to St. Louis in early August for a two weeks visit with her sister and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Ditzler of Indianapolis, Ind., spent part of June and July in Kansas City, and also in California.

Visitors to the Kansas City Club for the Deaf during the summer included Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fisher (nee Nadean Thomas) and Robert Fisher of Iowa City, Iowa, and Herbert Capes, Earl Moore and James Riddle of North Carolina. Harold Schelp of Concordia,

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Mo., came to Kansas City to meet Robert Fisher, who had been his pen pal for many years.

Many of the Kansas City deaf and the Olathe (Kansas) deaf journeyed to the annual picnic in Topeka, Kansas on August 17th.

Mrs. Annie Krpan Ramsey had as her guests Alva Cowden and Phyllis Hetterly of Lansing, Michigan, in early August.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crabb and two sons visited the Robert Millers in Olathe, Kansas. Mrs. Crabb and Mr. Miller are brother and sister. They also visited the Albert Stacks.

George Lancaster has returned from Anchorage, Alaska, having arrived home August 1st. There was no work for him due to the steel shortage. He still thinks Alaska is a wonderful place.

Josephine Lynn, Shirley Gorrell and John Bollig toured Colorado Springs for a week during August in John's car.

Robert Foster of Wichita, Kan., visited his parents in Kansas City during his vacation in August. He is a warehouse manager for the Todd Roberts Insulation Company in Wichita.

Louis Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weber, is at this writing on a leave after he graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Training camp on August 17th. He will report to Long Beach.

MINNESOTA . . .

Thompson Hall was the setting on July 6 for the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. William Saum of St. Paul. Many friends were present on the happy occasion, as well as numerous close relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Saum, including their children and grandchildren. Amusing anecdotes were related by such long-time friends as Mrs. Clarence Gruber, John Langford, Edwin Cleveland, and after refreshments the gifts were opened. Most precious amongst the offerings was the TV set from the Saum children. Mr. and Mrs. Saum have lived in the Twin Cities during all of their wedded life, have

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LUBA

A Deaf "Cinderella" in the U. S. A.

That "truth is stranger than fiction" is, perhaps, nicely illustrated in this brief saga of Miss Luba Gutman of Tel Aviv, Israel.

Around 3 years ago, Luba expressed a keen desire to learn all about the U. S. and its deaf citizenry. Mr. Marcus L. Kenner was asked to supply her with the necessary information. After a lengthy exchange of letters, the ambitious gal undertook an air flight of some 6000 miles, arriving on these shores alone, a complete stranger, on November 1, 1951. At the earnest solicitation of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenner met her at the Airport and, since she had no return ticket, were unexpectedly obliged to post a Bond for her admittance, agreeing to act as guardians during her visit. Incidentally, Luba was quite scared when first invited to ride in the auto of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer G. Hoag, since the deaf of Israel do not yet enjoy the privilege of driving cars.

Too soon, Luba's 3 months Visa expired and was periodically renewed. Meantime, she remained as a "daughter" at the Kenner household, accompanying them on various trips to Chicago, Milwaukee, Delavan, Niagara Falls, Canada, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, etc.

After a series of obstacles and reverses, her mother was prevailed on to come over, chiefly for the purpose of escorting her back home, ere final expiration of her Visa on July 31st. However, Cupid stepped in and Luba finally met her Prince Charming in the person of Mr. Joseph Rifkin. It did not take these two turtle-doves too long to decide. And so, on June 8, 1952, the happy pair were united in the bond of matrimony. Mr. Kenner played the role of substitute "Pop" in giving the bride away. Their honeymoon was spent at Miami Beach, Fla. and they are making their residence in N. Y. City. So, Luba has finally realized her ardent desire not only to see



MR. AND MRS. JOHN RIFKIN

Photo by Fred Marcus

the U.S.A. but to become a permanent part of it.

That's not all, folks. Barely two weeks before the marriage, Luba learned from her mother of the existence of a grand uncle residing in Pittsburgh, Pa. She mailed him an invitation and — presto! — received a prompt reply that the uncle, a prominent real estate man, was about to depart for a medical operation in N. Y. City, — and would Luba and her mother meet him at the hospital! That meeting was a heart-throbbing one. The uncle, good naturedly, notified his N. Y. niece who turned out to be a cousin of Luba and the wife of one of the country's prominent labor leaders, Mr. David Dubinsky, President of the great International Ladies Garment Workers Union. They attended the wedding. As if this were not sufficient, the existence of another uncle, a Professor at the University of California, was revealed; also two Washington, D. C. cousins, one of them employed in the State Department!

The pleasant fact that Luba has suddenly discovered her kith and kin, naturally, is most heartening. Now that she has finally made the grade, let's give the gal a rousing cheer and wish her and her hubby a happily wedded life.

There's a "P.S." to this little story: After living at the Kenner household this long, Luba just couldn't resist becoming a staunch admirer of the N.A.D. and, yes, she and her Joe promptly signed up as Life Members! Thus they are "hitched" in a double sense.

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four children and two grandchildren.

In the last softball game of the season ending July 16, Len Marx pitched a winning no-hit game of 11-1. He whiffed 11 men and walked five and it was undoubtedly the best game of the season. End of the league found our boys in third place with five wins and five losses, a creditable showing.

The Albert Marions were seriously injured in an auto-truck collision near Hudson, Wisc., some time ago. The auto, driven by Iver Carlson, was run into by the truck.

Mike Sacevich of St. Paul has been signed to bowl on the Hamms team, the best in St. Paul, during the coming '52-'53 season. Mike Luby, publisher of the National Bowling Journal, placed Mike on the honorable mention list for '51-'52.

George Hansen drove down to Virginia in his Kaiser the end of the summer to fetch his family home 'ere the opening of the Minnesota School. George spent most of the summer alone and it feels mighty good to have the family back with him in Faribault for

a while before he resumes his position at MSD.

Golfers and spectators who attended the Midwest Deaf Golfers Ass'n tourney in Des Moines August 2-3 were Kack Kuntz, Sheldon Taubert, the Chick Revaks, Dick McLaughlin, Glen Kerr, Jasper Colianni, Fred Sund, Roger Lewison, Yvonne Miller, Joe Lieb, the Lloyd Carlsons, John Lauths, Mike Harrer and Leo Latz. Rain interfered with the meet, however.

Visiting hereabouts during mid-summer was Mrs. Julius Seegar, nee Ruth Taubert, who came up as the guest of her brother Sheldon to enjoy the cool breezes of Minnesota and escape the torrid climes of Texas. She found time for a brief visit to Thompson Hall, where she ran into several old acquaintances who were delighted to see her.

The Marvin Kuhlmanns motored up to Winnipeg, Canada, during the summer to see the John Lindbergs. The Kuhlmanns returned home via Fargo, N. D., where they visited friends and brought back the news that Bill Bowen is now working in a print shop with Ed Eiden in Valley City, N. D.

William Fry is feeling quite chipper these days following an operation for

ulcers. Although he has gone back to work on the farm, he is taking it easy. Good for you, William!

Fred Griefenhagen failed to show up at the last couple of soft ball games and his friends were wondering what had happened to him. Seems Fred underwent surgery recently for hernia but is hale and hearty once again, something which his friends will be glad to know.

NEBRASKA. . .

The James Jelineks of Omaha returned home last month after a 5 weeks trip to the West Coast and after 5600 miles without any car trouble. They stayed in California most of the time, visiting relatives and friends. And they loved California. A funny incident of their long trip occurred when they went into California from Nevada. they were stopped at the state line by the California border patrol for the customary questioning and searching for fruit. There was a peach in the Jelinek's car—just one nice big peach that Mrs. Jelinek had bought in Nevada or Idaho. The border patrolman looked at the peach for a long five minutes and then gave a curt order "Eat it now!" Whereupon the Jelineks divided the peach between themselves and ate it before they could

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proceed a foot further into California. On their way back home, they were again stopped at the state line, and they had a bushel of dates with them. They were about scared out of their wits lest they be ordered to eat the dates, but nothing happened and they breathed a big sigh of relief.

Miss Nora Nanney, of Omaha, is back home after what seems to her and others as well to be the most interesting trip in her entire life. She was down in Mexico City for over a week after the convention of the National Association of the Deaf in Austin, Texas. Nora was telling us the other day about her sojourn in Old Mexico, and she described the Mexico School for the Deaf and the club rooms of the deaf in Mexico City. It seems that her heart did skip some beats when she saw the young, handsome Mexican deaf boys there.

The entire deaf community of Omaha and Council Bluffs was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Glen L. Poole of Council Bluffs from polio Sunday morning August 17th. He had been in the hospital only a couple of days, but had not felt well a few days before. He leaves a wife, Norma, and a baby son only nine months old. Funeral serv-

ices were in Council Bluffs Tuesday and burial in Denver, Colorado. Glen was a graduate of the Colorado School and attended Gallaudet College.

The T. Scott Cuscadens had as their guest during the third week of August, Mr. Kenneth Lane of Washington State, a 1952 graduate of Gallaudet College. Mr. Lane was stopping in Omaha for a visit with his fiancée, Eleanor Cuscaden, before going on to the West Virginia School for the Deaf, where he has a teaching position for the coming school year.

Arthur F. Clayton, Jr., son of the Claytons of Omaha, was graduated from Creighton University in Omaha in the Dentistry course. He is now Dr. Clayton and has an office downtown in Omaha. He has a son only a year old, who is being idolized by his grandparents.

Reverend Mr. Mappes of the Omaha Lutheran Church for the Deaf and Mrs. Mappes took a long trip for their vacation to the Northwest. They went through Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and on the way back through Utah and Colorado. They took their movie camera along and took movies of certain places on the trip,

such as Glacier National Park in Montana and the Columbia River.

OREGON . . .

Frank Amann demonstrated his technique as a chef recently when friends were entertained in the Amanns' backyard with a barbecue in honor of the new president of the Oregon Association of the Deaf. Mr. John O'Brien of Salem. It also happened to be the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Welch of Portland. From the way the food disappeared, Frank did a fine job and everyone is hoping to get another invitation to a similar affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Baim entertained the Graeberts of Chicago during the month of July. The guests must have liked Portland a great deal as they seemed reluctant to return east.

John and Ruth Vogt are looking forward to making auto trips from now on which will be all the more pleasant because of that beautiful new '52 Mercury they acquired not long ago. Others who are showing signs of prosperity are Inez and Lloyd Adams, who, after many years of toil, have traded in their old home for a brand new ranch-type house

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The West Coast of the United States being so near, by air, to the Hawaiian Islands it is no wonder that the Islands exert such a happy influence on Coast dwellers. This influence was felt June 22nd when the Hollywood Hens gave a dinner a la Manila. Ruth Young, energetic chairman of the Hens, had in her recipe file a luscious menu given to her by a friend who had lived in Manila.

The Hollywood Club was decorated lavishly with palm fronds and fresh flowers, pineapples and coconuts. Guests, dressed in the best Hawaiian manner, wore colorful leis and sat cross-legged on the floor, which was, for the day, a flower-strewn banquet. The food, of course, was *different*. It consisted of steamed rice generously covered with roast veal, tomatoes, cucumbers, scallions, grated cheese, chopped eggs, shredded coconut, chopped walnuts, bananas and pineapple. Dessert was pineapple sherbert.

The sponsors of this party, the Hollywood Hens, are an auxiliary of the Hollywood Silent Recreation Club. The group was started by Ruth Young to provide the club with kitchen help and also to add to the club's recreational facilities. This has included a ping pong table and a billiard table, the latter donated to the club by Dr. Earl Yoder, Mrs. Young's father. The Hawaiian Dinner was only one of many enjoyable and unique affairs that the Hens have put on. Working on June 22nd, in addition to Ruth Young and Eva Kruger, were June Kishinefi, Charlotte de Vita, Frances Pasley, Sari Pink, Edith Robinson, Mildred Rosenfield, Elsa Halupa, Lorraine Kronick and Marjorie Klugman. Other members are Charlotte Cowan, Dorothy Abramson, Margaret Loomis Le Brocq, Esther Aheroni, Evelyn Preston, Mary Brown, Cecile Fiedler, Phyllis Newman, Lil Skinner, Mary Toney and Marcella Brandt.

— MARJORIE KLUGMAN

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located right across the street. Moving wasn't too much of a task and their former home is still within seeing-distance so the move did not put them into strange surroundings after all.

Willard Steward was the victim of a hold-up not long ago. Though he lost a considerable amount of cash, he was unhurt otherwise.

Portland briefs: Mrs. Doctor spent three weeks visiting her folks in North Dakota and Mrs. W. Cooke is back home from her trip to Austin and the NAD convention full of news about the people she met there. Mr. and Mrs. Tatreau and family spent two weeks on the coast doing quite a bit of fishing. Mr. and Mrs. Spath have just returned from two weeks spent camping and fishing at Wallawa Lake in Eastern Oregon, where they had considerable luck with their rods and reels. Jo Lipuma visited the coast and other Oregon points during his three week vacation. Mrs. Dora Craven toured through Canada in the company of Lenore Bible of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. H. Foss have traded in their home for a better abode in the north east section of Portland. Mrs. Brounlow is busily planning for the local Labor Day Festival in Portland.

TEXAS . . .

Mrs. Henry Silk, nee Reba Duncan, left Fort Worth for New York City in May to join her son Duncan and accompany him to London, Eng., by plane. From London they visited in Holland and spent a few days each in Frankfurt, Germany; Paris, France; and Rome, Italy. Two months were spent in this manner before they journeyed to Arabia where Duncan is working for an oil company. Mrs. Silk's return home was set for the end of the summer.

J. T. Morton retired after 50 years in the employ of the Armour Packing Company and received \$500 cash and a Gruen wrist watch from the employees. Mr. and Mrs. Morton motored up to Wichita Falls to see the Cap Car-gills and to Vernon for a visit with Mrs. Rosa Snodgrass during the summer. Other stops were made in Mangum, Okla., at the home of Mrs. Morton's mother and other friends, after which the Mortons took a train for Boston, Mass. where their son Harvey is Chief Warrant Officer at the Boston Naval Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Moon of California were summer visitors to Plainview and also to Lubbock at the home of the Ben Harmons. After attending the NAD convention in Austin they stopped over in Gainesville with Mr. Moon's relatives before returning west.

Although no date has been decided upon for their wedding, Joe Callaway of Lubbock and Ruth Caskey of San Angelo have announced their engagement.

Jackie Ragsdale and Howard Pace journeyed to Levelland recently to give Jackie's mother a birthday surprise. Incidentally, Howard has bought himself a car a '46 Mercury, and rumors are rife that Howard and his pretty fiancée will soon be making that trip to the altar.

Houston has seen quite a few local residents united in marriage the past summer. F. A. Braquet and Margaret Gleinser were married in June and are making their home here. Mr. Braquet is a product of the Louisiana school and his bride from the Texas school at Austin. Otho Penix and Dorothy Krystniak were married at the home of Dorothy's parents in Houston June 14, with John Macon as best man and Charlene Grimes as maid of honor. Otho is a '45 Texas graduate and served as boys supervisor at the Minnesota school for several years and at the Texas school the past year. Dorothy was in her junior year at the Texas school. Mr. and Mrs. Penix are now settled in Wauneta, Nebraska, where Otho holds down a good position as a linotype operator.

Houston lost another pretty young miss last June when Audree L. Bennett succumbed to the wooing of Kenneth W. Norton of Sulphur, Okla. The young couple were united in an impressive ceremony at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Miss Lois Long and Glynn A. Whittmore serving as maid of honor and best man. Ushers were James Fair and Jack Autry. Following a honeymoon in West Texas, Audree and Kenneth returned to Sulphur, where Kenneth is a teacher and coach. Kenneth is from the California school and a '51 Gallaudet graduate. whilst his bride, from the Minnesota school, graduated from Gallaudet just prior to the wedding. Congratulations and every good wish for your happiness, Audree and Kenneth.

Now comes Lois Long with the news that she, too, is planning to be married sometime in November. Who is the lucky man, Lois? It is a young man from San Jose, California, isn't it? Houston will never be the same again after Lois departs and folks here are wondering if she caught the bouquet tossed by the bride at the Norton-Bennett wedding.

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CHECKMATE!



By
"Loco" Ladner



LORENZO CAMPI

Here is a chess player with a poetic name who lives in a city with a romantic name, who hitherto has been unknown, unhonored, unsung! Ladies and gentlemen, we give you Lorenzo Campi of Santa Rosa, California!

Lorenzo the Modern Magnificent was born in a humble cabin in the year 1906 and still resides not far from the site of his birth. He attended the California School where he won fame as an all-round athlete, especially in baseball. He was also a good student but on account of poor health, he was forced to give up his education before realizing his many ambitions.

After leaving school, Lorenzo kept up his interest in sports by deer hunting, fishing, and he owns a twenty-four foot cabin cruiser.

While at C.S.D., he had taken up chess but had little interest and success. The turning point was reached when he visited his cousins in South America in 1929. He became an ardent spectator at the various national and international tournaments that were then progressing in Argentina. He marvelled at the prowess of such chess masters as Alekhine, Capablanca, Emanuel Lasker, Reshevsky, Tartakover, Frank Marshall, and many others. The genial Lasker, who had been world champion from 1894 to 1921, gave Lorenzo some useful pointers on the game.

Inspired by such glimpses and contact with the masters, Campi took re-

newed interest in chess from then on. On his return to Santa Rosa, where he has worked as a chipper in a brass and bronze foundry for over fifteen years, he took active part in matches and tournaments at the Santa Rosa Chess Club. He realized an ambition by winning the club championship in 1951. No doubt, he is known as the "iron man" of the club as he spends so much of his spare time there.

Lorenzo is unmarried, but betrothed to Caissa, goddess of chess.

As one of his best games, Lorenzo submits this one, which he played against Bolbochan, Champion of Argentina and South America. To defeat him, even in informal play, is quite a feat and a moment of glory for the humble amateur. Notes are by Campi:

Buenos Aires Tournament—1931
White: Lorenzo Campi Black: Bolbochan

French Defense

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|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 | 21. N-N5 | B-B7 ch |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 22. K-Q1 (d) | P-K4 |
| 3. N-QB3 | N-KB3 | 23. B-Q2 (e) | R-K2 |
| 4. P-K5 | KN-Q2 | 24. P-R3 | B-Q5 |
| 5. QN-K2 | P-QB4 | 25. PxN ! | BxR |
| 6. P-QB3 | N-QB3 | 26. NxRP ! | P-Q5 (f) |
| 7. P-KB4 | Q-N3 | 27. B-KB3 | B-K3 |
| 8. N-B3 | P-B3 | 28. N (5)-B6ch | |
| 9. P-QR3 | B-K2 | | K-B2 (g) |
| 10. N-N3 | PxQP | 29. N-Q5 | K-K1 |
| 11. BPxP | PxP | 30. N-N5 | BxN |
| 12. BPxP | O-O | 31. R-R8ch | K-Q2 |
| 13. P-QN4 | P-QR-4 | 32. RxR | P-K5 |
| 14. P-N5 | QNxKP | 33. BxR (h) | R-K4 |
| 15. PxN | NxP | 34. R-Q8ch | K-K2 |
| 16. B-K2 | (a) N-N5 | 35. RxB | RxR |
| 17. Q-Q4 | Q-B2 | 36. NxP | RxP |
| 18. N-R5 | (b) R-B2(c) | 37. B-N4ch | K-K3 |
| 19. B-KB4 | Q-B4 | 38. N-B5ch | K-K4 |
| 20. QxQ | BxQ | 39. P-R4! Resigns (i) | |

- (a) If 16. NxN, Q-B7 mates.
(b) If 18. QxN, Q-B6ch wins the Rook.
(c) 18 . . . B-B3 loses time because of 19. NxN, RxN; 20. B-N5, R moves; 21. R-QB1.
(d) If 22. K-Q2, RxB; 23. NxR, B-K6ch.
(e) If NxR, PxR; 24. N (7) moves, B-Q5; 25. QR moves, N-B7 ch.
(f) If . . . KxN; 27. N-B6 ch, K-N3; 28. NxP, R-KB2 (else the Knight forks the Rooks) 29. B-Q3 ch.
(g) If . . . PxN, 29. NxP ch, K-N2; 30. R-R7 ch, KxN; 31. P-N5 ch, and 32. RxR.
(h) Threatening mate on the move by R-Q8ch.
(i) The Rook is lost, no matter where it moves.

As a general Napoleon was tops but he was not a great chess player. He had a high opinion of his playing and no doubt many an officer did not dare to defeat him in a game of chess.

Chess News

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Samuel W. Bean, our blind and deaf chess master, on August 9. He was 56 years of age and for several months he had been ill. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hazel Gray Bean, two sons, a brother, a sister, and one grandson. To them we extend our heartfelt condolences upon the great loss.

An article about Bean appeared in the November, 1951, number of THE SILENT WORKER.

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Congratulations to Lowell J. Myers, of Chicago, who passed the examination for Certified Public Accountant. Lowell has overcome a great handicap in achieving this astounding feat and he is now embarked on a greater voyage—to become a full-fledged lawyer. He is starting to attend law school. We wish him the best of success and believe he will make it with flying colors.

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Mr. and Mrs. Juan F. Font, of New York City, are now in Europe, where Mrs. Font was sent to Spain to do research work for the Hispanic Museum. Juan took this chance of a life-time to go along and see the sights and to make the round of chess clubs. We are looking forward to an account of his trip.

Chess Epigrams

Of chess it has been said that life is not long enough for it—but that is the fault of life, not chess.

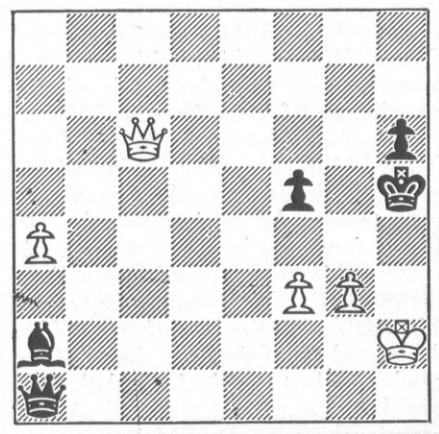
Many have become chess masters but no one has become the master of chess.

First-class players sometimes lose to second-class players because second-class players sometimes play first-class chess.

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For this month, we have an end game between Frank J. Marshall (White) and Jose Capablanca (Black). In this game, played in New York, in 1909, Marshall had a winning move, but did not see it. Instead he played Q-N5 and lost. What chance did he miss?

BLACK: CAPABLANCA



WHITE: MARSHALL



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Golfgraphs . . .

HERBERT DEURMYER REPEATS AS MDGA CHAMP

By Rastus

(Editor's Note: "Rastus" is the pen name of Charles Ross Koons, Sr., of Des Moines, Iowa. He is introduced elsewhere in this section for the benefit of those who do not know him.)

HERBERT DEURMYER, of Lincoln, Nebraska, successfully defended his title as champion of the Class "A" division of the fifth annual Midwest Deaf Golf Association tournament at the Grandview Golf Course, Des Moines, Iowa, on August 2, by leading the field at the end of the first 18 holes with a 74, just 2 above par of the course. The final 18 holes scheduled for Sunday, August 3, had to be cancelled, as a steady downpour made playing impossible, much to the disappointment of the 61 entries. Wilbur Sawhill, of Des Moines, was second, with 75; Clyde Heberlein, of Madison, Wis., was third, with 76, and Jack Kunz, of Minneapolis, Minn., fourth, with 77.

Dennis Froehle, of Des Moines, captured the Class "B" title with a nice 87; Stanley Taubert, of St. Paul, Minn., was second with 91; Roger Dempewolf, of Des Moines, and Philip Zola, of Milwaukee, Wis., tied for third with 92, and Louis Brundige, of Des Moines, was fourth with 93.

Class "C" winners were Delbert Boese, of Lincoln, Neb., first, with 102; Larry Buchholz, of Des Moines, and Frank Benedict, of Chicago, Ill., tied for second with 104; Dale Van Hemert, of Des Moines, third with 105, and Roger Lewison and John Lauth, of Minneapolis, tied for fourth with 106.

Milwaukee's potent golfers in Larry Yolles, Philip Zola, John Poplawski and Tony Panella captured the 4-man team event trophy, by nosing out the Des Moines foursome by three strokes, 344 to 347. This finally ended Des Moines' monopoly of the fourman team trophy. This was due to the loss of two golfers who moved out of the city. Larry Marxer, whose talents on the basketball floor have brought several national AAAD championships to Des Moines and a giant long-kitten on the fairways, has

moved down to his old home, Shreveport, Louisiana. The other golfer, Eldon Moon, has moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa.

About 115 attended the banquet at the club house on Saturday evening, and enjoyed the dancing afterwards. A business meeting was held after the banquet, and Waldo Cardano, of Delavan, Wis., was elected president of the MDGA; Percy Burris, of Chicago, vice-president, and Dan Hill, of Des Moines, secretary-treasurer. Minneapolis will be the site of the 1954 tournament. Delevan has been picked as host for the 1953 tourney, at last year's meet at Chicago.

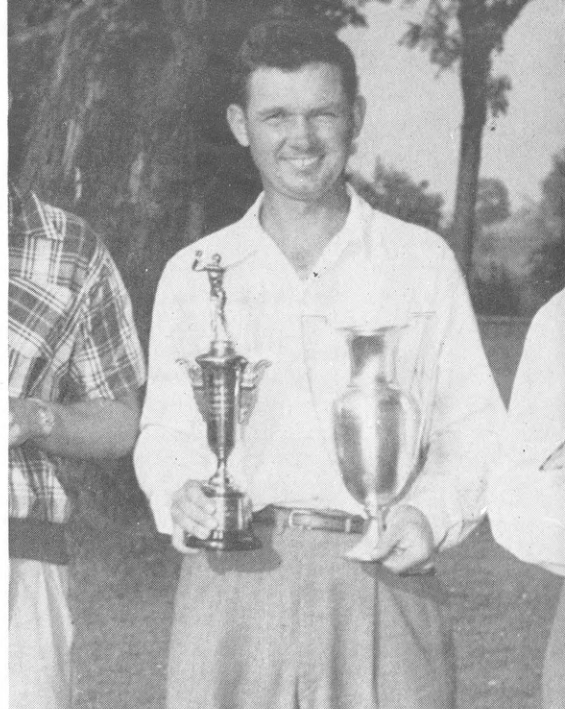
Trophies, medals and prizes were awarded Sunday morning, while the rain continued to pour down, and everyone was on the way home by mid-afternoon hoping for better luck next year.

Don Neumann (111) came all the way from Tucson, Arizona, and Ernie Vinci (106) from Middletown, Connecticut, to play in the tournament.

A lot of things were entirely over my head. Wilbur Sawhill said he got a couple of birdies on the first 9 holes, but evidently they were too small to cook, for he did not bring them in. One guy mentioned nearly getting an eagle, which would have been remarkable had he succeeded, for eagles are rare in Iowa. I did learn what a tee and a divot were. The tee seems to me to be unnecessary. Anyone should be able to hit the ball without it, and it would seem easier to use a hoe, than a club, to tear up the turf near the ball, if you are so inclined. Some day I may learn about golf, but it will not be until they start giving away golf balls, clubs, bags and carts.

Le Roy Raffel, of Chicago, is a one-armed golfer. I did not learn how he lost his right arm at the elbow, but he could out drive most of those with two good arms. He did 113.

A small paper, "The Midwestern Golfer," was issued and distributed during the tourney. It was printed by Dan Hill, in which he has a nice writeup about Herbert Deurmyer as follows:



Herb Deurmyer, the Lincoln, Neb., sensation, who won his third consecutive MDGA championship.

"A deep love for the game, painstaking practice and a tremendous desire to win has paid off handsomely for Herbert Deurmyer, the Lincoln, Neb., sensation who has to his credit three consecutive MDGA championships.

"Deurmyer entered competition in the MDGA for the first time at Cambridge, Wis., site of the 2nd annual tournament. Posting an 83 after a slow start on the unfamiliar course on the first round, he gradually adjusted himself back to his game the next day and finished with a 77.

"His 160 total put him into a three-way tie with Ray Kessenich, of Madison, Wis., and St. Paul's Jack Kunz for second place. Three strokes lower was the winner, Clyde Heberlein, Cambridge red-head who had the advantage of playing on his 'home' course.

"Back in MDGA competition at St. Paul the following year, Herb, as his friends call him, posted a 76 on the first outing.

"Jack Kunz, the St. Paul long-hitter came out in front to take medalist honors with an amazing 70.

"In the stretch the following day, Herb, cool and playing almost flawless golf came home in a sizzling 72 and the eventual championship. Kunz soared to an erratic 80, good only for third place.

"At last year's 4th annual tourney at Chicago's Roselle Golf Club, it was virtually all-Deurmyer right from the start. His 72-74—146 put him far ahead of second place Jack Kunz by 9 strokes.

"Outside of the MDGA "circuit," Herb's remarkable skill is evident in the state of Nebraska where his prowess in match or medal-play competition has resulted in many championships. At

the Lincoln Country Club, where he is a member, he has captured five club championships, 1934, 1935, 1945, 1946 and 1951.

"He was low amateur in the 1945 Midwest Open with rounds of 72-74-73—219 on a very tough course. This tournament was won by Bud Williamson, a professional veteran.

"The most important titles which Deurmyer most proudly prizes are the city championships, a match-play affair won in 1936, 1939 and 1947.

"Invited as guest player in exhibition matches on several occasions at Lincoln, Herb has played with 'name' golfers including the great Ralph Guldahl and top-flight amateurs.

"Like Ben Hogan, he is a perfectionist. He will admit faults of his own even after shooting a good round and will go out practicing, then groove the swing until he's satisfied.

"The glittering trophies mounted atop the fireplace mantle at the Deurmyer home at Lincoln are fascinating. Other prizes in an unbelievable number are scattered about the house.

"Herb is married to Virginia Sorenson, an Iowa School for the Deaf alumna, and has one son, Stephen, 4."

Missing at the recent MDGA golfest was the silver-haired camera toter who had been seen at the first four tourneys. He is Rogers Crocker, prominent Sheboygan, Wis., photographer and one of the founders of the MDGA. He was unable to be present at this meet as he took over his partner's share in the photography business.

He has been an ardent supporter of the MDGA and had covered every tournament from 1948 to 1951.

Morris Fahr Wins First CDGA Tourney

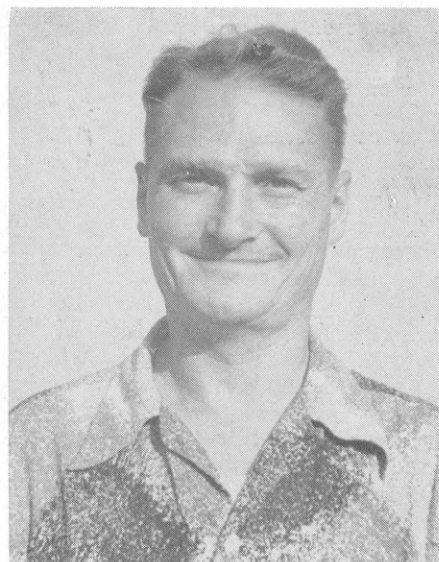
By Burton Schmidt

Slamming over the fairways and blasting out of sandtraps at Pasadena's Brookside Park's C. W. Koener Course, Morris Fahr, the "old pro," proved his skill by winning the first California Deaf Golfers Association championship tournament, Sunday, August 17. Reliable Morris shot a 98 over the 6,533 yard par 72 course.

For Fahr this was quite a comeback triumph after he had given it up for "lost" several years ago when he moved to the Los Angeles area because of the lack of other interested "duffers." He proved he had the stuff it takes to be a winner when he paced the field of 11 other "divot diggers" who earnestly were vying for the championship trophy donated jointly by the Los Angeles and Hollywood Divisions of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

Jack Bertram, another veteran of the golf wars, a bit rusty with a shaky first nine, finished second with 105. Bertram made a game fight in the final nine, shooting a 49 to Fahr's 48, but his 56 in the first nine was outclassed by the champion's 50.

Bob Skinner, playing the game less than a year, making his shots count when they were needed, placed third with 109. Incidentally, Bob's reward was justified when he won the low-handicap trophy donated by an anonymous person. With a handicap of 38 this gave him a 71 for his achievement.



MORRIS FAHR

Prizes were given to virtually all of the participants during the joint Los Angeles-Hollywood Frat picnic following the morning event of the "pill-pushers."

Harry M. Jacobs, who flew down from Oakland to take in the tourney as well as the picnic, was awarded the "booby" prize, a book entitled "How to Break 100." Jacobs, who shot 162, will now possess this book until the next annual tournament when it will be given to the high man of that tournament and many more to come. Incidentally, as the book is intended to solve the problems of the 100-plus golfer, every participant except Fahr should take advantage of this book, as indicated by their scores.

The results:

Morris Fahr	50-48—98
Bob Skinner	54-55—109
Jack Bertram	56-49—105
Larry Levy	53-59—112
Leonard Meyer	54-60—114
Roger Skinner	65-61—126
Connie Marchione	62-66—128
John Henderson	68-63—131
Burton Schmidt	71-65—136
Russell Drake	70-70—140
Frank Sladek	72-76—148
Harry M. Jacobs	78-84—162

The tournament committee under the successful chairmanship of Mr. Marchione, expressed its heartfelt thanks to the cooperative spirit of the official scorers who braved the task of arising long before sun-up to be on hand for the 5:30 a.m. starting time. They were Addie Eckstrom, George Young, and Roland Mueller.

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"Rastus"

By Troy E. Hill

Charles Ross Koons, Sr., is as deaf as a post, and he does not consider it too much of a handicap. In fact, at times he thinks being deaf is an asset, for he does not have to listen to long winded orators, juke box music, or have to get out of the bathtub to answer the phone. At the present time, Ross is president of the Des Moines Silent Club, secretary-treasurer of the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf (MAAD), a charter member of the Des Moines Division of the "Frat," holding the 25th degree, a member of the Iowa Association of the Deaf, and the NAD, and a booster for all of them.

His major activity is earning a living by building truck tires for the Armstrong Rubber Mfg. Co., and his main spare time job is as treasurer of Local No. 164 of the United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America, C.I.O., which has around 600 members.

Ross, who writes under the pen name of "Rastus," was born at Des Moines, Iowa on February 10, 1897, and lost his hearing completely during a bout with spinal meningitis at the age of 13. Unconscious for seven days, his high fever had ruined the auditory nerves beyond repair, but he retained his voice, and strangers would never suspect he was deaf by hearing him talk. But as a lip-reader, he is something of a joke. Claims it strains his eyes, and the only time he can read lips is when he knows in advance what the speaker means to say.

He had just been promoted from the seventh grade to the eighth, when he lost his hearing, having won a membership in the YMCA for being the best scholar in the grade, and that proved to be his undoing. While practicing for an exhibition to be staged at the local coliseum, he was tripped by accident, and fell on his head, and was goofy all that night, spinal fever setting in the next day. At that time his vocabulary and command of English were phenomenal for his age, for he read books most of his spare time, and it made no difference whether they were dime novels, books on law, magazines or the classics. He read them and absorbed whatever knowledge they contained.

After recovering from his illness, he came in contact with several deaf persons who told him about the school at Council Bluffs, and urged him to apply for admission. So he wrote a letter to

the then Supt. Rothert asking if it were possible for him to complete his education at the school. The letter probably was couched in such excellent English that it failed in its purpose, for Mr. Rothert wrote back that Ross' letter indicated his education was far superior to any obtainable at the school, and there would be no use of his attending which explains why he never attended a school for the deaf.

He learned the garment cleaning and pressing trade, and became an expert at it, but never really liked the work, and when Goodyear beckoned to the deaf in 1917, he hied himself off to Akron and stayed with Goodyear for six months, returning to Des Moines to obtain employment with a tire plant there. In 1918 he married Ella Augusta Waschkowsky, a 1915 graduate of the Iowa school, claiming his reasons for wanting to marry her were that her last name was too long, and too hard to pronounce. Three years prior to their marriage, he had attended a box social, and found the young lady's name in the box he purchased, which led to romance. Among other things she taught him the sign language. He says the original cost of the box was only \$6.00 but that interest during the years has run the cost into the thousands.

The Koons' have two children, Ross Jr. and Virginia, both perfectly normal, both married, both having two children, a boy and girl each. Ross Jr. was a bombardier during the last war and flew 51 missions over enemy territory, several times over Ploesti, the Romanian oil fields. He remained in the officers reserve and is now a captain stationed at San Antonio, Texas. Virginia, now Mrs. James E. Hart, of Des Moines, joined the W.A.C. and did Cadre work, becoming a corporal at Ft. Des Moines, and only left the service when her fiance returned from overseas and married her. Both Ross Jr. and Virginia are excellent sign makers, and attend every party for the deaf they possibly can.

In 1929 Ross Sr. started working for the old Lakeshore Tire Co. now the Armstrong Rubber Mfg. Co., and has been there ever since. He has been instrumental in obtaining employment for other deaf men, and at the present time there are 15 on the payroll. In any trouble with the management, he is usually called on to help clear up misunderstandings. In 1944, the Union made him assistant to the treasurer, and in 1945

they elected him treasurer even though he told them he did not wish the job, and did not even attend the meeting when he was nominated nor the one when they elected him. Once in office, he has found it almost impossible to get away from the job. After 3 years in office, he submitted his resignation, but it was refused, and the members voted to double his salary, and allow him time off from his regular work to perform the duties of his office, reimbursing him at the rate of his regular job. So he decided to stay on.

After school hours he was able to play baseball and softball, and while a member of the Y.M.C.A. learned to swim and play basketball, but his illness affected his eyes, and balance, and he may use both sides of the street when he takes a walk at night. He wears glasses, but never uses them when he reads or works, or plays cards, and playing cards is one of his pet diversions. Can play any game, but prefers contract bridge, and canasta. Poker does not appeal to him because he says he can't afford to lose, but when he does play he seldom loses. He is an expert horseshoe pitcher, and fair bowler, and will bowl at any time during the day or night.

This writer, who has lived with him for many years, believes he has no enemies either among the deaf or the hearing, for he will go out of his way to help anyone. He considers everyone an equal, rich or poor, wise or otherwise. He has a very keen sense of humor and says he is trying to live, so that when he dies, even the undertaker will be sorry.

(Editor's Note: Did you know that Ross was the only delegate without portfolio at Houston during the recent AAAD National Basketball Tournament. The Union sent him down there, paid his railroad fare, gave him \$14.00 a day for expenses, and paid him for lost time from work. They reasoned that because of his deafness, he was not eligible for a delegate's job at their National conventions, so they sent him somewhere where he was able to understand what was going on. It sure was nice of them, and of course, there is nothing he would not do for them.)

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Down the Alley...

Because four puzzled gentlemen, two quizzical ladies and one other, a soggy conversationalist with a barroom bet, called up with similar questions, it behooves us to kick off this month's opus with the answers regarding alley dimensions.

Discarding the bowling bags, the bowling shoes, the pinboy, the white chalk, the towel, the cigarette trays, the tele-score, the bar maid and other items that lurk in the vicinity of a bowling alley, there remain only three necessary pieces of equipment requiring uniform measurements.

Big Three

They are the alley boards, the pins and the ball.

Length of the alley, from foul line to the pin boy's bruised shin, is 63 feet, 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches. From the foul line, which itself legally may vary from $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch to a full inch, down to the head pin tapes out to an even 60 feet.

Width of a lane can be no less than 41 inches, no more than 42 inches.

Those gutters really aren't as gaping as they may seem. They are only 9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. And, say, the rules give the track meet trundler a real break. The runway behind the foul line can be no less than 15 feet.

The Pin

A pin can weigh no less than 3 pounds 8 ounces and stands up, defiantly as it will, just 15 inches high.

If your ball is over 16 pounds, better put it on a reducing diet. Under 10 pounds and it's no fair throwing a feather.

Our soggy-throated caller "ashked" if an alley's sipping saloon is supposed to be a legally measured distance from the playing lanes. Of course, we had the answer. Any fool knows that the bar is always only two wobbly feet away from the laying lanes.

Central Pin Results

Now for the results of the 6th Annual Central States Deaf Bowling Association tournament held at Louisville, Ky., February 9-10, 1952. It is the only one of the six regional meets this year which has yet to be recorded in THE SILENT WORKER. The following was related by Alexander Fleischman:

In a 20-man team clash, Chicago keglers representing Balm Barr Creme Chicago slid through easily to cop this Central bowlfest. Rocking the maples to the tune of 2,658 for the series enabled the Windy City boys to sit pretty above the runner-up Venezia Inn from Melvindale, Mich., who hit 2,589. Host Louisville ran third with 2,434. This bowlfest also attracted 44 doubles, 82 singles, and 70 all-events matches.

John B. Davis, captain of the Chicago champs, was high man with 564 for the series. H. Lundahl of Chicago rolled the

highest individual single game (214) and teammates L. Ray and J. B. Davis were given the pat on the back with 213 tied. Another teammate, P. Burris, ranked third with 212. C. Meyer of Evansville recorded 580 as the highest individual total in three games.

In the doubles event F. Grim and D. Petkovich of Cleveland busted 1,119 pins for top laurels. E. Leffel of Toledo made good his bid in the singles event with a 581 series. In the all-events match C. Meyer took the prize with 1,626.

The new administration comprises of Philip Kaim of Louisville, president; Roy Ludovico of Detroit, first vice-president; Charles E. Whisman of Indianapolis, second vice-president, and James Ellerhorst of Detroit, secretary-treasurer.



An 1189 gave Ben Rosenthal (left) and Ralph Javore of Milwaukee the doubles diadem at the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association tournament at Rochester.

International Games

Editor's Note: Below is a translation of a letter from the Embassy of Belgium forwarded to us by the United States Department of State.

The United States and Great Britain are the only two countries we know of that do not finance their Olympic teams.

Our State Department throws a lot of money down the world drain on public relations. It finances trips for top persons of other nations to see our way of life.

A while back it shipped off to Europe some American art — not representative art either, we are told — for exhibit there. It was a costly stunt.

We can think of no better goodwill ambassadors than Olympic athletes, either hearing or deaf, who are the cream of our manhood. They certainly are going to be more valuable, in close association with other athletes of the world, than a set of paintings.

S. Robey Burns, father of American participation in international competition among deaf athletes and chairman of AAAD's United States International Games for the Deaf Committee, however, is now working on plans as to how to recruit our outstanding athletes so as to assure a large American representation at the coming Brussels meet. In this way, we will have a good track and field squad—a 10-man team—which, we are sure, will furnish keener competition to our European athletes at the International Games in August 1953. It is also our intention to have those on the 10-man track and field team represent the United States in basketball.

Embassy of Belgium
No. 1471

The Embassy of Belgium presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to transmit the following information.

The Royal Sports Federation of the

Deaf-Mutes of Belgium was charged by the Ninth Congress of the International Committee for Silent Sports, held at the conclusion of the Sixth International Silent Games at Copenhagen in 1949, with organizing the Seventh International Silent Games in August 1953.

For young people throughout the world who are deaf-mutes, these events are the equivalent of the modern Olympic games, and take place every four years. They include the following competitive events: track, swimming, soccer, basketball, tennis, cycling, and target shooting, which are governed by the regulations of the international federations having jurisdiction over these sports.

For more than thirty years, physical education and sports movements among deaf-mutes have been constantly intensified, under the supervision of the International Committee for Silent Sports, which is recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

The International Silent Games, which were held with success at Paris in 1924, at Amsterdam in 1928, at Nuremberg in 1931, at London in 1935, at Stockholm in 1939, and most recently at Copenhagen in 1949, will bring together at Brussels, from August 15 to 19, the elite of the young people throughout the world who are deaf-mutes.

They are honored with the high patronage of His Majesty the King and the support of the Ministry of Public Health.

The Embassy of Belgium will appreciate whatever measures the Department of State may take with a view to facilitating the participation of young "silent" representatives in this international event.

Washington, April 16, 1952.
[Stamp of the Belgian Embassy]

National Association of the Deaf

Byron B. Burnes, President

Robert M. Greenmun, Sec.-Treas.

NAD Officers at Summer Conventions

During the past few years the NAD officers have made an effort to attend as many state conventions as possible, in order to make the work and aims of the N.A.D. better known to all the people.

The summer of 1952 saw the convening of numerous important state conventions and the N.A.D. was officially represented at at least ten of them. N.A.D. officials who attended these conventions delivered speeches and as a result there is positive evidence of more widespread enthusiasm for the Association, and a greater desire among state associations for closer cooperation with the National Association. N.A.D. officials invariably found the members of the state associations eager to assist with the work of the N.A.D., once they became familiar with its objectives.

There were a number of conventions to which the N.A.D. was unable to send representatives. Among these were some of the southern states, which held their conventions at about the same time as the N.A.D. Austin Convention. It is hoped that the next convening of state associations in the South will find N.A.D. officials on hand.

First Vice-President Larry Yolles was present at the convention of the Wisconsin

Association at Delavan and the convention of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf at Philadelphia. Wisconsin decided to affiliate with the N.A.D. The Pennsylvania Society, which has actively cooperated with the N.A.D. for some time, is in a campaign for funds for its home for the aged deaf, and Mr. Yolles had the privilege of helping boost this campaign.

President Burnes attended conventions in Oregon, Montana, North Dakota, and California. The Oregon Association joined the Century Club, and the Montana and North Dakota Associations affiliated with the N.A.D. Oregon is an old-time affiliate. The California Association directed its executive board to consider the possibility of contributing to the Century Club.

Late summer conventions in Iowa found both Secretary Greenmun and Board Member Kannapell on hand. Mr. Kannapell engineered an N.A.D. rally and the results will be reported as soon as they are tabulated. Mr. Kannapell also appeared at the Tennessee convention.

Louis B. Orrill, a new member of the N.A.D. Executive Board, made a rush trip to the Missouri convention at Columbia.

At all these conventions numerous N.A.D. memberships were taken in, including life memberships, and increased

interest in the N.A.D. was apparent on every hand.

David Peikoff, new second vice-president, attended the North Carolina convention at Morganton and found himself tendered the most spectacularly enthusiastic reception ever extended an official of the N.A.D. The folks in North Carolina showed that the South is ready to line up solidly behind the N.A.D. Mr. Peikoff enrolled 28 Century Club members and 21 life members. In all, the North Carolinians contributed over \$3,000 in cash and pledges. The North Carolina Association became the first to voluntarily increase its affiliation dues to \$25.00 per year.

In all, the N.A.D. officials were greatly encouraged by the spirit they found among the members of state associations. With the cooperation these people are giving, the N.A.D. is really becoming the strong national association it was designed to be.

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The Answer Box

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by Lawrence Newman, 713 No.
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Question for this month:

What advice would you give to budding deaf poets?

None! Advice never made a poet. In any case, I am *not* the new Millay. Advice from me would be worth exactly what it cost—nothing.

LOEL F. SCHREIBER,
Los Angeles, California.

I would not advise any "budding deaf poet" to try to earn his daily bread by peddling poetry. However writing poetry is a natural tendency for some of us and is also a sort of emotional outlet. I think it is satisfying to express oneself on paper and good for the ego to see one's masterpiece in



print. That's the only way I can feel about writing poetry or stories—just to write for the pleasure it affords and to add that ability to your list of blessings.

JEAN WEINGOLD, Michigan

"Prose, words in their proper order; poetry, the best words in the best order."

S. T. COLERIDGE

I'd advise budding deaf poets to make an effort to get some of their work in print, from time to time. THE SILENT WORKER offers this opportunity, and seeing one's work in black and white is very encouraging. And, for some reason, flaws are easier to recognize after they are in print.

NADINE FISHLER,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Read the great poets, but don't imitate them. Fit theme to meter. Select verse form best suited to your subject. Read the Bible for training in use of short words that give both power and beauty. Poems are written in moments of inspiration. then worked over carefully after laying aside the manu-



script for a week or so. I have worked on a single long poem time and again since first writing in 1910. It is said that Thomas Gray worked on *The Elegy In a Country Churchyard* repeatedly through seventeen years. "Learn to labor and to wait."

HOWARD L. TERRY, Hollywood, Calif.

My very first month at Gallaudet I started writing verse. Then I was spoken of as a "budding poet." However, looking back, I would say I was "nipped in the bud," figuratively, as it was not until my Senior year and my very last poem in *The Buff and Blue* that my work was considered good enough to win the Alumni prize for the "best" poem in *The Buff and Blue*. It kept me studying and producing through those five years at college and it's become a habit since. So, my advice to a "budding poet" comes out in the following verses:

TO A BUDDING POET

My poet, if you're in the bud
And early wish to bloom and flower
Why, nip yourself, so later'll come
A grander and a greater power.

No simile this, but common sense—
The stronger vine will longer give
New buds, new flowers, well-nurtured fruit—
That in the mind will ever live.

So let the budding poet grow—
Nipped in the bud—but fed with care;
That in the future all will know
Not one, but many, many blossoms there.

FELIX KOWALEWSKI, Concord, Calif.

In my experience budding poets, deaf or otherwise are highly resentful of advice of any kind, but since you ask, I



would say first of all, he should acquire a good standard dictionary, a Roget's Thesaurus of the English Language, and a good book of synonyms.

Secondly, he should cultivate the friendship of others who are interested in poetry, for their criticism will more than likely be constructive in scope.

He should do all in his power, too, to have his poems published, for nothing is so encouraging as to see one's work in print.

Form the habit of reading good poetry as a hobby. This will familiarize him with verse forms, rhymes, etc., and before he knows it he will be even thinking in terms of poetry. His own efforts will then come more easily.

Lastly, he should never expect to make a living by means of poetry alone. Very few poets have become rich or famous. Writing poetry is, in itself, a deeply rewarding experience, and for most of us that is all that it will ever be.

ELMER LONG, Gardena, California

1. Poetry is both a gift and an art and both demand cultivation. Therefore master the mechanics of poetry.



2. Distinguish between verse and poetry. Most anyone can write verse, but poetry is a different line.

3. Do not rush to print with your first efforts. Write, revise and put away. Then revise again till the choice of words is the best for the piece. I side with Horace here:

Unpolished verses pass with many men,
***But then, to write at a loose rambling rate,
In hope the world will wink at all our faults,
Is such a rash, ill-grounded confidence
As men many pardon, but will never praise.

STEPHEN KOZIAR, Fulton, Missouri

Continued interests in reading, writing, and criticism are necessities for the sustained development of any poet. Readings in past and current literature, coupled to the poet's own output, provides an essential cross-fertilization of ideas. Writing is itself a constructive and critical process, as well as an area of experimentation. Criticism should be independent of the poet himself, as well as a part of his faculties. It is the blending of these three interests which yield the finished poet, as distinguished from the poetaster. Writing is the most important quality since, without the poem, there is no poet.

REX LOWMAN, Washington, D. C.

If you would be a poet, mark these words:
Most modern writers thrive on active verbs
As readers dote on headlines. Never fear
The use of free verse when you cannot hear
Those cunning accents of our native tongue—
The poet is the master of the song,
And poetry depends as much on reason
As bathing suits, when only worn in season
Beware of metaphors that would revive
Those "olden days, when knighthood was alive"—

You'll do much better, in this age atomic,
To write of mice and men gone supersonic.
Yet if you still would search for Truth and Beauty

Make sure your sentiments are not too fruity,
Nor look to Rome and Paris for finesse—
Art need not always come in foreign dress
But may be found in farmyards, in the slums,
Or in the tribal beat of buckskin drums.
And last of all (and, much to my regret
I haven't been successful at it yet)
The secret's not so much in what to say
But how to say it—and then make it pay!

ROBERT PANARA,
Gallaudet College, Wash., D. C.

Readers are invited to submit questions they would like to see answered in this department. Comment from readers on letters published herein will also be welcome.

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Dallas Silent Club N.A.D. Night	42.00	Northwestern Ohio Association of the Deaf	20.00
District of Columbia Club of the Deaf N.A.D. Night	62.82	Orange, N. J. Silent Club	10.00
Fetters' Reunion (Ohio)	20.30	Oregon Assn. of the Deaf N.A.D. Night (Portland)	24.75
Fort Worth N.A.D. Night	30.00	Scranton (Pa.) Association of the Deaf	5.00
Fort Worth Silent Club	10.00	Silent Athletic Club of Denver N.A.D. Night	22.60
Great Falls (Montana) Silent Club	30.00	South Bend N.A.D. Night	37.83
Hartford (Conn.) Club of the Deaf N.A.D. Rally	50.00	South Bend Association of the Deaf Ladies' Club	18.60
Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church (St. Louis)	5.00	South Dakota Association of the Deaf N.A.D. Rally	36.00
The Laro Club	5.00	St. John's School for the Deaf, Milwaukee	25.00
Little Rock Association For the Deaf	3.00	Toledo Deaf Motorists Club	10.00
Los Angeles Club N.A.D. Night	20.00	Toledo Silent Club N.A.D. Night	89.00
Lubbock Silent Club	10.00	Union League of the Deaf	25.00

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